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CBC Sponsors Annual Legislative Conference Police Brutality, Urban Education Among Concerns

By CHARLES COLEMAN, JR.
Editorial Editor

The Congressional Black Caucus is currently holding its 29th Annual Legislative Conference (ALC) this week at the Washington Convention Center, here in Washington, D.C. This year's conference, which began on Wednesday, September 15, 1999 and will continue through Saturday, September 18, 1999, carries the theme "Tools for 2000: Planning Our Work—Working Our Plan."

"We will move forward together," said CBC Foundation Board of Directors Chair Eva Clayton (D-NC), "by developing action plans that will take us into the new millennium."

The Congressional Black Caucus is a group which is composed of all the black members of Congress with the exception of J.C. Watts (R-OK). The conference often attracts some of the most famed celebrities and community leaders from all over the country who seek to come together and dialogue on black issues, but also work toward remedying the various problems on the table.

Throughout the conference, members will sponsor issue forums, brain trusts, and receptions individually and in collaboration with other member's offices, all with the intended aim of networking for support, and setting and achieving a new agenda for the black community in the coming millennium.

The conference began with an opening press conference where CBC chair, James Clyburn (D-SC) delivered a "State of Black America" address. It will conclude on Saturday with a Press Briefing, a census 2000 rally, and a ribbon cutting ceremony which will unveil a new and unique hall within the convention center. Many of the members that serve on legislative committees within the House will hold brain-trusts to help discuss ideas for legislation in their respective areas. Among some of the brain-trust committees are: science and technology, judiciary issues, telecommunications, environmental

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Photo By Troy Tieucl
Norberto Brown used newspaper to shield his head against this week's rain brought on by Hurricane Floyd. The University closed Thursday due to the storm's wind and rain.

Historic Hurricane Shuts Down University, District

By KIMOTHY K. BROWN
Managing Editor

Fear spread as Hurricane Floyd made its way to the Washington, D.C. area this week. Floyd, the largest storm since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, with maximum winds of 155 mph.

The possibility of a storm as large as Floyd heading for the area caused the University to shudder its doors and cancel classes Thursday. Several school districts cancel classes also. In addition, D.C. government offices shut down.

At Howard University, several preparations were made to prevent disaster. The football team left early for Cincinnati to play Bethune-Cookman College Sunday in the Riverfront Classic. Bethune-Cookman had to leave Daytona Beach, Fla., early to escape the storm's path.

Areas such as the Bahamas are extremely vulnerable, and often suffer storms of this nature. Floyd was the latest hurricane to attack the islands, leaving tons of damage. Neko Grant, a fourth year architecture student from the island of Grand Bahama in the Bahamas, offered his advice on hurricane preparation.

"Find low and stable places to stay," Grant said. "Also, make sure you have plenty of canned goods, water and other supplies."

Grant grew upset at the treatment of his native home during weather reports. He says television stations only focus on Florida, when the Bahamas are often pounded by hurricanes.

"Even though I was offended at first, I later realized it was United States television," said Grant.

The American Red Cross did its part to aid in the prevention of damage. Within the East Coast areas most

affected by Hurricane Floyd, the Red Cross opened 343 shelters, providing a safe haven to approximately 46,519 people in five states, including Alabama, Florida, Georgia and North and South Carolina. Another 54 shelters in those states remain on standby.

Locally, the National Capital Chapter had about 180 disaster relief workers, along with other volunteers and paid staff, on standby, who responded when a situation developed in the District.

Dr. Bernadine Healy, president of the American Red Cross, expressed her thoughts on the measures people took to prepare for the storm.

"The American Red Cross urged people to act quickly and prepare themselves and their loved ones for this dangerous hurricane," Healy said.

See FLOYD, A5

HUSA Executive Account Still Under Question

By RAFIAH DAVIS
Campus Editor

The Howard University Student Association President Marilyn Hoosen ended the third General Assembly meeting of the semester Wednesday night without an approved budget for programming. In a last minute effort, the Assembly approved a \$10,000 spending cap for HUSA until a newly formed budget committee, comprised of Assembly and HUSA members, can develop a new budget that both groups agree on.

"I am frustrated because we have to move on for the sake of our student body," Hoosen said. "We are trying so hard to execute our platform, but this seems to be an obstacle." Since the beginning of its administration, the HUSA slate has been plagued by money problems. Just recently, financial advisor Frank Turner discovered that the executive account—the account specifically used to distribute stipends for HUSA executive officials—is \$8,000 in debt. The administration has since decided that its staff will not get paid until the debt has been settled. Hoosen and Turner contacted Thomas Elzey, vice president of financial affairs for the University, to conduct a full audit of HUSA's three accounts to find out who is to blame for the missing money.

Representatives Not In Attendance At Wednesday's General Assembly Meeting

Tyron Vereen
Alexis Mays
Brandon Neal
Ashia May
Harshad Joshi
Sandra-Linda Black
Harry Lawson, Jr.

Source: HUSA

Some have questioned how money could be missing from the accounts without Watkins' knowledge. Interim Vice President Raymond Archer of student affairs said that no money can leave the accounts without Watkins' signature. Watkins herself said that the transactions that occurred in the previous administration, which left the account in the red, were not approved by the administration. "These type

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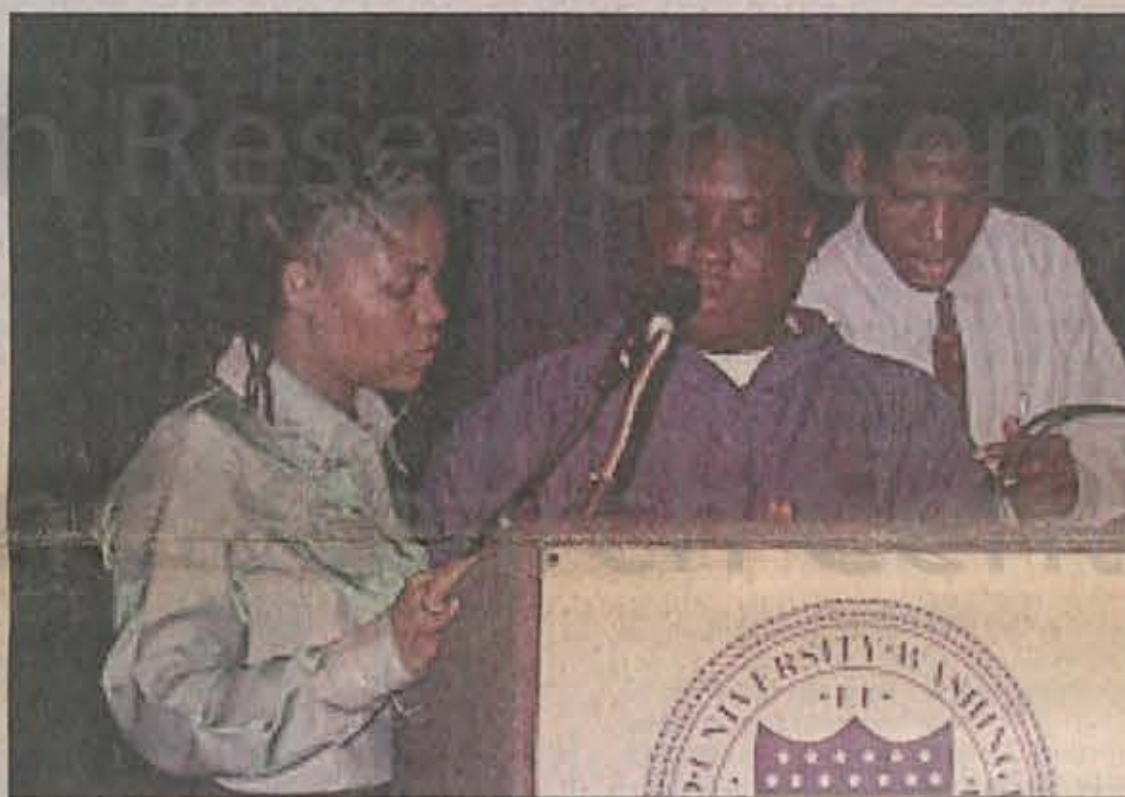


Photo By Troy Tieucl
HUSA President Marilyn Hoosen (left) stands with HUSA Financial Advisor Frank B. Turner (center) at the General Assembly meeting. The Assembly approved a \$10,000 programming budget for HUSA. The remainder of the HUSA budget remains in limbo.

Minority Groups Set Television Boycott

By KELLI D. ESTERS
Hilltop Staff Writer

A nationwide boycott of the four major television networks is in effect in response to the underrepresentation of minority groups in front of and behind the camera.

The formation of a 19-member coalition of African-American, Latino-American, Asian-American and Native-American civil rights and media organizations was announced Friday in New York, to help diversify

the imbalance of network television.

Only one of the 26 new fall television shows featured a minority in a lead role.

The "whitewash" of network television has prompted a series of boycotts by various minority organizations.

Latino groups have called for a boycott of ABC, CBS, FOX and NBC from Sept. 12 through 25.

Joseph Torres, communications director for The National Association

of Hispanic Journalists, said, "We believe the lack of Latino characters on network television has a negative affect on the Latino community. Not only are there a lack of characters, but when Latinos do appear, they often are portrayed stereotypically. This is unacceptable."

He added, "People of color make up 30 percent of the U.S. population, but you would not know it from watching television."

See BOYCOTT, A5

University Employees Outraged Over New Termination Policy

By SABA BIREDA
City Editor

Some faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences were surprised, and a few even outraged at a letter sent accidentally Aug. 27 outlining new employee policies for the University.

The letter, released by Artis G. Hampshire-Cowan, vice-president of Human Resources Management, and distributed by the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, included new employee policies and benefits implemented July 1. The document,

entitled "New Personnel Guidelines and Statement of Current Benefits," included a section in which the University's "at-will" policy was explained. The "at-will" policy states that employees have the right to terminate their employment at any time for "any reason or no reason" and likewise the University may terminate any employee under the same conditions. The "at-will" policy also disallows any employee a guarantee of a specific term or conditions of employment unless stated by the President or Executive Vice President.

The policy also permits the Uni-

versity to "change or cancel the policies, procedures, practices or benefits contained in these guidelines...with or without any notice and with or without consideration." The policy is applicable to all non-faculty, non-union employees hired on or after July 1, and all other employees who were told they were hired "at the will of the president." Employees were asked to sign an acknowledgment of their status as "at-will" employees and agreement to the new policies.

For many tenured faculty, reading a document that asked them to sign

See POLICY, A5



Photo Courtesy of Rhapsodi
Nicole Jones, Sparkle Mitchell and Teriauna Harris, seen here in front of Apollo's Wall of Fame, have won two competitions at the theater. They will compete again on Sept. 29.

Apollo Bound Trio Invites HU To Get On Bus

By JOHN-JOHN WILLIAMS IV
Tempo Editor

They arrived at Howard unaware of each other. All they shared was a love of music. Now they share a common goal. For the trio Rhapsodi, music has linked them eternally, and has resulted in success.

Now the trio is poised to take their love all the way to the leg-

endary Apollo theater—for the third time. Nicole Jones, Sparkle Mitchell and Teriauna Harris won two rounds in the Amateur Night competition and are set to compete again on Sept. 29.

And for Jones, Mitchell and Harris, it started coincidentally. It was time for the 1998 spring talent show and the three formed a group when they realized they shared a love of music.

"We shared the same interests

and lifetime dreams," Jones, a 22-year-old music education major said, "We saw that in each other."

Despite the fact that the talent show was canceled, the bond remained, and they stuck together.

Rhapsodi started to perform at church and events like the Spring Arts Festival. Crowds were very

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THIS WEEK'S HILLTOP

MEN IN BACK



Bison running backs David Johnson and Jermaine Hutchinson have high hopes for this season.

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MYA & POOCH



Superstar Mya made her way to HU for a day of entertainment and education.

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WeekendWeather

TODAY: Mostly Sunny
75 HIGH, 65 LOW
SATURDAY: Partly Cloudy
79 HIGH, 62 LOW
SUNDAY: Sunny
81 HIGH, 64 LOW

BISON VS. BCC



Ready to rumble? Howard University faces off against Bethune-Cookman College this Weekend at the Riverfront Classic.

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CAMPUS

Organizations Lament Lack of Space in Power Hall

By FARAH ANTOINE
Hilltop Staff Writer

Many Howard University clubs have expressed concern over the lack of available office space in Blackburn University Center.

According to Acting Dean of Student Activities Belinda Lightfoot-Watkins, the lack of adequate space in Blackburn makes it impossible to provide office space for every club in the University. "The issue isn't Blackburn Center because we have a fixed number of rooms," she said. "We have over a hundred organizations and not all of them need space. We have to cater to the student governments first. It depends on the type of organization."

The hall in Blackburn where club offices are located is known to many as Power Hall. So far, the organizations with office space in Blackburn

include Howard University Student Association, Caribbean Students Association, Graduate Students Association, Undergraduate Students Association, the Arts and Sciences Student Council and Campus Pals. One office is used by both the Homecoming Committee and for student government elections. Student organizations are not required to pay rent for the office space.

Students have inquired about the possibility of getting office space for organizations elsewhere on campus. Presently, all student councils are housed in their schools. Lightfoot-Watkins, who was formerly the director of student activities, said that Raymond Archer, interim vice president of Student Affairs, has more influence over the allocation of space for student organizations. "[The issue] was brought up at the town hall meeting, so at least it is on the table,"

she said.

Like most concerns that the University must evaluate before acting on, this is a matter of priority, school officials said. Administrators are wondering if the University should spend money to renovate a building for student organizations or if it should paint a building that desperately needs painting. "Not that providing office space is not important, but basics take precedence," Lightfoot-Watkins said. "Right now, the University is dealing with basics."

The Caribbean Students Association (CSA) is the largest international organization on campus and therefore has an office. On the other hand, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has no office. All it has is a mailbox, which any recognized student organization can have.

Othniel Alphonse, a junior com-

puter based information systems major, is a member of the Haitian Students Association, which does not have an office. He looks at the lack of offices as an opportunity to promote student leadership unification. Alphonse said that HSA not having a room forces them to work through CSA along with other associations. "It's more unified that way," he said.

He added that there probably should be an International Students Association office, but agreed with Lightfoot-Watkins that there just is not enough room in Blackburn.

The president of HSA, Cathy Jerome, a junior international business major, felt that not having an office is a major inconvenience.

"Not having an office keeps us from promoting the association and networking efficiently," she said. "A stable location would be one of the ways to promote us. A lot of documents

that HSA has had over the past years are not available to us today. Having an office would help us store such information."

Though Jerome admits that a large organization like CSA needs the office space that they have, she felt that the fact that HSA has no office keeps the membership rate low. "With no office, we can't be found."

Howard has over a hundred clubs, but how does one join if he or she does not know where to find them?

Another club president is senior athletic training major Nicole Pinnock, who heads the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAPHERD) on campus.

"I feel that if we did have an office then we would be more stationary and people would know where to come."

Most understand that Blackburn

cannot accommodate all of the student organizations that presently exist.

"If we were to accommodate all or most of these organizations, what would we accommodate them with? Furniture, phone, long-distance?" Lightfoot-Watkins asked. "Office space would become more than just a room to transact business — a price tag would be attached."

Meanwhile, students wonder whether or not there are spaces on campus where student clubs and organizations can have a base. Some are even wondering what will become of the old bookstores on campus now that Howard in preparing to open a brand-new bookstore on Georgia Avenue.

"I really want to know what they are going to do with all the space presently unoccupied on campus," says Jerome.

University Will Withstand Year 2000 Computer Bug, Team Says

By FARAH ANTOINE
Hilltop Staff Writer

Falling in line with the promise that Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert made at the town meeting last week, the Y2K Readiness Team at the University is working hard to make sure the University is Y2K compliant in time for the new millennium.

"If there is any good news I can tell you tonight it's that it won't happen again," Swygert said at last week's meeting in reference to the problems that occurred during registration under BANNER, the new system adopted by the University to prepare for the Y2K bug.

His faith stemmed from a major project that the Y2K Readiness Team has been working on since 1996. The team, headed by Joseph Collins, associate vice president of information services (ISIS), and Charles Moore, director of user support services and the Y2K program management office, aims to prepare the University for the year 2000 bug. "We have been working very hard to make sure our mission is complete by the year 2000," Collins said.

The readiness team has been responsible for the preparation of Y2K compliant computers throughout the University. This means preparing all the computer files in the University, from those in payroll to those regarding phones in the dorms.

In preparing Howard University and Howard University Hospital for safe entry into the new millennium, Moore and Collins have spent a lot of time and energy making sure every piece of equipment associated with computer technology will be ready.

"A lot of life-saving devices are computer controlled," Moore said. "Computer systems control things beyond what most people think such as elevators, security systems, fax machines, power supply, telephones, etc."

One of the concerns that may arise is the inevitable dependency that systems have on servers.

"The suppliers of services also have to be Y2K compliant," Collins said. Dependence on computer companies that are not compliant can hinder progress of the University's team. Documented proof of compliance makes it impossible to depend on noncompliant companies, said Collins.

Howard University will survive the Y2K bug, according to Moore and Collins.

"To say that something is compliant you need to provide a document and go through a validation process," Collins said. In other words, one needs documented proof before declaring that it is Y2K compliant.

The team is in the process of implementing a web component of BANNER. This will make BANNER a self-service system where processes such as registration can take place on the Internet.

Many students have mixed ideas about the possibility or even the necessity of Howard University being prepared for the Y2K bug. "Nobody really knows what the effects of the Y2K bug will be. There are only theories," said sophomore management information systems major Myron Maynard.

"I really have minimal faith," said graduating senior athletic training major Nicole Pinnock. "I hope they can get it done but after the commotion at registration, I'm very skeptical."

Many students are not too worried by the coming of the Y2K bug. Pinnock added that she did not think the impending danger was as major as some make it out to be.

"I'm not worried about the world shutting down. Black people have always known how to survive."

Junior physical therapy major Danielle Hollins has faith that we all will be more or less prepared for the Y2K bug.

"It was stated on MS-NBC that people have been working on the computer systems for approximately four or five years," Hollins said.

Another project that Moore and Collins are working on is the opening of a new computer lab on Georgia Avenue. Scheduled to open in late winter, this new lab will hold over 200 personal computers, electronic classrooms, an information lab, as well as a center for excellence for teaching and learning (CTL).

"The University has made a lot of wise investments," Collins said.

When It Rains, It Pours



By Troy Tieuel

Students had to break out the rain gear this week. The continuous rain was a preview of things to come from Hurricane Floyd.

Funding for Retrospect Tunnel Rolls in, Hall Says



Rob Hall
Homecoming Chair, Developed Retrospective Tunnel

By CHARLES COLEMAN, JR.
Editorial Editor

Rob Hall, the Homecoming coordinator for 1999, is optimistic about the development and actualization of "Retrospect: The Evolution of the Mecca," his vision for Homecoming this year.

"Retrospect," Hall said, "is a cheesy thing unless you actually do it. Seeing as this is the last Howard University homecoming of the millennium, I wanted it to be a time of reflection where we looked back at our past before we move forward into a new century."

One of the major pieces of this year's homecoming festivities that will serve to make Hall's dream an even greater reality is the retro tunnel Hall has been working on developing since the middle of last spring.

"As far as things with the retro tunnel are concerned, it is coming along nicely and it will take place," he said. "All of the designs and structural work have been finished."

The tunnel is designed to simulate a walk through the evolution of Howard University over its first 131 years. It is tentatively planned that the retro tunnel will be either on the main yard or in the valley.

Many questioned Hall's ability to make the tunnel a reality, but early volunteer interest has quelled all doubt.

"Due to an unexpectedly overwhelming turnout at our volunteer interest meeting," said Homecoming volunteer coordinator Othniel Alphonse, "we are confident that we have more than enough enthusiastic volunteers to make the retro tunnel a huge success."

Hall, a computer-based information systems major, proposes to have all aspects of Howard represented at some level throughout the tunnel.

Funding was a major issue during the inception of the tunnel, but Hall seems to be prepared.

"We are roughly 65 percent of where we need to be with funding for the tunnel. I don't see the remaining 35 percent as posing a huge obstacle to us getting it done."

Homecoming will also feature the traditional events such as the yardfest, step show, fashion show, the Mr. & Miss Howard pageant and the football game. Still, Artistry in Motion, which is traditionally the Monday night event, has been expanded to fit a Showtime at the Mecca theme.

Many people heard rumors of the retro tunnel last year and have been excited ever since.

"I think that it's a great thing," said Jewel James, a junior psychology major. "Seeing as the year 2000 is such a turning point, we all need to look back and reflect on Howard's history. I don't think that any of us know enough of HU's history as it is, and the retro tunnel will serve as a means of enlightening us all."

Georgia Ave. Clean-Up Day Beautifies Area

By ALICIA NUNN
Hilltop Staff Writer

An all-female group of Howard University students came together at 8 o'clock on a Saturday morning in front of the School of Business. It did not matter that it was the day of the Howard vs. Hampton game.

Some came dressed in jogging pants, T-shirts, hats and head scarves, and stretched to awake themselves from the previous night's sleep, while others came with smiles on their faces, bursting with energy, ready to start the day's work.

But all shared a common purpose: to better their community.

Members of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and Howard University student volunteers took time out of the football game festivities to put the community first in an annual community service project, Georgia Avenue Clean-Up Day.

While most students were getting their last minute snoozes before the game, other students were getting up and ready to lend a helping hand.

"I went to bed late, but I was determined to wake up because I enjoy giving

back to the community," said student volunteer Yanique Johnson, a junior marketing major. "I set my alarm for 7. It went off, but I didn't wake up until 7:45. I got dressed in five minutes and was out the door in ten."

Another volunteer agreed that it was hard getting up, but said it was worth it.

"I'm not much of a morning person, but I thought it was important that I attend because it was for a good cause. I think it is important for students to care about where we live and go to school," said Shauntay Hinton, a junior broadcast major. "If we do not care then who will? Maybe our work will set the standard for others to follow."

Armed with plastic gloves and heavy duty garbage bags, these women got right to work. They cleaned sidewalks, streets, in between bushes and the entire Banner High School field. They cleaned both sides of Georgia Avenue from Harvard St. to Howard University Hospital.

Their garbage bags were filled with paper, soda and liquor bottles, food, and one volunteer said she even found a tooth.

"It was a dirty job, but I was up to the task," said Kindle Richardson, a junior insurance major. "We scrambled through

grass and sidewalk crevices to pick up the garbage. When we were done I was proud because I knew that I had taken part in keeping our streets clean."

Once the trash bags were filled, their job still was not over. They struggled to carry the bags up the hill to a dumpster behind Cook Hall. For some, the bags were just too heavy to carry alone. So, they grabbed a partner and each person grabbed a side and carried it up the hill to the nearest dumpster.

Giving back to the community was not the only reason why junior international business and finance major Afi Bell decided to support the project. She added that teamwork was the memorable experience for her.

"I think the idea of women coming together and doing something helpful for a common goal is just as important," said Bell. "I thought it was great that everyone worked together. Now, people will notice the clean sidewalks and streets and maybe it will set a standard."

At the end, the female students applauded themselves for a job well done. Their faces were brightened with smiles as they reflected on what they had done to keep their community clean.

Voices and Views

Will You Boycott TV in Response to the "White wash"?



"Yes, I'm tired of seeing blond hair and blue-eyed white girls on TV."
—**Rochelle Franklin**,
sophomore
administrative justice
major



"The NAACP helps others out but when the tides turn, no one helps them out. Yes, I will help them out."
—**Tori Sims**,
junior radio/tv/film
major



"Yes, that [the white-washing of TV shows] makes no sense whatsoever."
—**Lonnie Harrell**,
junior radio/tv/film
major



"Yes, I would, but I don't know if it would have any effect. Talk to people in position at the networks to change it."
—**Stacie Lydia**,
junior film production
major

Compiled by Troy Tieucl

HU Marching Band Wows Kennedy Center

By ELIZABETH PHIFER
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University "Showtime" Marching Band performed for the first time at the Kennedy Center Sunday. The band helped the center celebrate the opening of its 15th Annual Open House Arts Festival.

"It was a historical performance for the Howard University 'Showtime' Marching Band," said Associate Director of University Bands Kelvin Washington. The band, which is the largest student organization on campus, agreed to perform at the Kennedy Center because it wanted to gain more exposure, Washington said.

The 180-piece band began its day by performing in a parade for a crowd of nearly 50,000, according to Mary Johnson, manager of media relations for the Kennedy Center. The marching band's performance included the "Flashy" flags and the Howard University Dancers, showing everyone just why they are ranked among the nations' leading marching bands.

"The performance shows the diversity of the group," said Assistant Director of University Bands Michael A. Fitzhugh, the newest member of the band staff and a Howard alumnus. "Their ability to go from the grid iron to the concert hall shows the responsiveness of their musical ability."

The ensemble graced the ears of its lis-

teners with three popular songs and difficult marches.

"I think it was something that will help us show our diversity in regards to being able to perform half-time shows and parades in addition to different types of music all while maintaining our style," said Director of University Bands John E. Newson.

After the parade, the band was asked to return to the Kennedy Center for an encore performance, due to the absence of an international performer. There it gave the audience a taste of the type of music performed during a half-time show by playing some four other favorites.

The crowd responded favorably by taking pictures and even video taping the performance.

"A lot of people get excited when they see a black college band because its not dead or dry," said freshman mellophone player Quinton Moses.

Imo Ekuere, a district resident who had never seen the marching band, said, "I was really impressed by their performance because I have never seen them before. They have a great sound and a lot of energy."

This same sort of delight was shared by band members.

"I enjoyed performing on Sunday. I especially like to perform in front of people that have never seen us before," said senior piccolo player Allison Davis.

The festival included such distinguished



By Troy Tieucl
The Howard Showtime Marching Band raise their instruments in support of the Bison at the Howard, Hampton game, Saturday.

guests as Vickie Winans, Marlena Smalls and the Hallelujah Singers, the National Symphony Orchestra, The Washington Opera, Radio King Orchestra, and the U.S. Army Field Band's Jazz Ambassadors. All the events were completely free to the public. This event was primarily sponsored by Target and Delta Air Lines, but other sponsors included WHUR, *The Washington Post* and *The Journal Newspaper*.

"Howard University was chosen early in the process, because we wanted a huge kick-off for the festival," said Tammie Ward, programming coordinator for festivals at the Kennedy Center. "We wanted something to liven it up. And, who better than the Howard University 'Showtime' Marching Band? We were very happy they chose to come to the open house. It made a wonderful impression. It was a smash. The performance was terrific."

ROTC Bison Battalion Takes on Five Miler Race

By KELLI D. ESTERS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Ranger and 1st Sgt. Cadet Jon McLeese arrived at Douglass Hall at 6:30 Saturday morning to meet The Bison Battalion and board a 44-passenger bus en route to Fairfax Station, Va.

During the 45-minute bus ride, McLeese and fellow cadets sang cadences and told jokes to pass the time before reaching Burke Lake Park, where the real work began.

The Bison Battalion, which consists of Howard and Bowie State cadets, participated in the ninth annual Five Miler race at Burke Lake Park in Fairfax. The race began at 8:30 a.m. and took place over a USA Track and Field Certified course. The route was scenic and characterized by the organizers as "challenging, fun foot terrain."

The Five Miler race was put on by The

ROCKS Inc, a non-profit organization affectionately named after deceased Charter member, Brig. Gen. Roscoe (Rock) C. Cartwright. The members consist of active duty, reserve, retired and former commissioned officers of the U.S. Armed Forces, widows and widowers of deceased members, and other uniformed officers.

The mission of the organization is to "provide professional and social interaction/development to strengthen the officer corp."

"ROCKS provides for necessary mentorship," said Capt. Anissa McNeill, a member of ROCKS and a race participant. "The best is the camaraderie."

There is also the "Leadership Outreach," in which ROCKS members travel to HBCUs to give professional career development guidance to ROTC students.

"Helping junior officers, mentoring and coaching," said Col. Andre Barnes, sec-

ond-time participant in the race and Vice President of ROCKS: "That's what ROCKS is about."

President of ROCKS and race participant Col. Zachary Patterson said, "Proceeds from the race go to deserving ROTC cadets, giving them the opportunity to continue their education through scholarship."

Registration fees and positive donations fund the Five Miler.

The Bison Battalion that ran in the Five Miler was comprised of 32 Howard and 13 Bowie State cadets and the Ranger team. The Ranger team consisted of 12 Howard cadets who ran in the race carrying 20 lb. rucksacks on their backs.

The cadets ran alongside 350 people of all ages, mostly inactive and retired seasoned veteran officers in the military.

Col. Al Schenck, the race director, explained, "The race is focused on par-

ticipation and coming together for a worthy cause." Schenck said that the event sees more runners and volunteers every year as it continues to grow.

First, second and third place medals were awarded to the fastest overall male and female participants and to the fastest participants in age groups ranging from 19 and under to 60 and above.

The Bison Battalion did not compete for a medal, but crossed the finish line together, accomplishing their major goal of cohesion.

Sgt. 1st Class Roger Moore, training officer of the Bison Battalion, said that the cadets trained for this race by running 20 to 25 miles a week. Moore explained that the Five Miler race is used as a training device for upcoming events, such as the Army 10 Miler and the Ranger Challenge.

"I think we did excellent," said McLeese. "This is my third year, and this is the...best we've looked."

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Chapel Foundation for 'New Jerusalem,' Service Swygert urges outreach, community ministries

By VALERIE THOMAS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Standing at the helm of one of the most prestigious African-American institutions in the world, Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert told members of Rankin Chapel on Sunday that they were building a new Jerusalem.

Throughout his tenure at Howard University, President Swygert has been a familiar sight at the chapel. In fact, "He has helped improve the spiritual dimension of the University," said Dean Bernard Richardson.

On Sunday, Howard University celebrated its annual Employee Appreciation Day at the chapel and Swygert was the appointed speaker. Before speaking, Swygert took a moment to welcome the newest Chaplain, Father John Raphael. He offered a little background information on the chapel to its newest family member in order to educate him on Rankin Chapel's history.

The chapel is one of the oldest

buildings on Howard's campus, second only to Howard Hall. Previous speakers at the chapel have been both great preachers and great intellectuals like W.E.B. DuBois and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Since Swygert majored in history, his message was based on historical aspects of both Howard and the Bible. "The Old Testament and the New Testament represent the word of God and moments of divine intervention," said President Swygert.

By using the lives of former Chapel deans as a base, he presented various aspects of how the Chapel's forerunners sought truth and turned it into service. Later in his speech, Swygert used Howard's motto, "Veritas et Utilitas," to illustrate Howard University and its founder's intent.

Swygert stated his desire for the

Chapel Services are held every Sunday beginning at 11:00 a.m. The speaker for Sunday, Sept. 19 will be the Rev. Dr. Floyd H. Flake. Dr. Flake, a former U.S. representative, is the Senior Pastor of the 10,000-member Allen A.M.E. church in Jamaica, N.Y.

Howard community to realize that they are working together to build a new Jerusalem. He stressed the fact that the new Jerusalem would not be just members of the Howard community but everything that surrounds it. Instead of perfecting themselves and being self-absorbed, students of higher learning should reach out and help others. Swygert said he would like each student at Howard to find a Jerusalem that needs to be rebuilt and work to revive it. He noted that every monument in Washington was established because of selflessness.

Although some students here are concerned with "celebrating self," they should be thankful of where they are in this point in their lives, and try to magnify that in everything that they do. After speaking liberally about self-images, Swygert enlight-

ened those in attendance at the chapel with the historical truth about ancient Egyptians. This parable was essential to Swygert's message that life is essentially determined by where one strives to end up.

"Some people believe that image alone is sufficient," said Swygert. "Worship is not sufficient enough, there is another dimension."

Swygert emphasized the importance of outreach and community ministries not only to the recipient, but also for the person reaching out. "If you touch a child, encourage a neighbor, or direct them to a path that is good for them [you are doing your part]," said Swygert. President Swygert ended his message with a familiar spiritual verse. "Lord, you don't have to move my mountain, but give me the strength to climb, and Lord, you don't have to move my stumbling block, but lead me 'round." Swygert asked God to give him the strength to climb and he encouraged Howard students to do the same.

Jesse Jackson to Speak at Opening Convocation

By RAFIAH DAVIS
Campus Editor

The Reverend Jesse Jackson, president and founder of the Rainbow/People United to Save Humanity (PUSH) Coalition will

deliver the keynote address at Howard University's Opening Convocation. The ceremony begins next Friday at 10 a.m. in Cramton Auditorium.

The convocation will mark the beginning of the University's 132nd academic year.

"Reverend Jackson is a man of enormous fortitude whose courage has been fueled by a deep sense of concern for others' well-being," said Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert. "He has been a tireless proponent of social and eco-

nomie justice, and is a remarkable example of the wealth of leadership from which our students may draw strength and direction."

Jackson is noted for being the first American to bring hostages out of Kuwait and Iraq.

In May, he was heralded in international news headlines for securing the release of three captured U.S. servicemen during a campaign of

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--President H. Patrick Swygert

intense bombing in the former Yugoslavia.

He has received numerous honors, including the NAACP's highest honor, the Springarn Award. He is regularly included on the Gallup organization's list of the Ten Most Respected Americans, and in 1991 became the second living person to have his likeness placed on a U.S. postal stamp.

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FLOYD

"If people were looking for ways to help the individuals and families who became affected by Hurricane Floyd and other disasters, the best way was by making financial contributions to our Disaster Relief Fund." The National Capitol Chapter recommended the following preparation and safety tips in the event of another storm:

•Develop an evacuation plan. Everyone in your family should know where to go if they have to leave. Trying to make plans at the last minute can be upsetting and create confusion.

•Discuss hurricanes with your family. Everyone should know what to do in case all family members are not together. Discussing hurricanes ahead of time helps to reduce fear and anxiety and lets everyone know how to respond. Review flood safety and preparedness measures with your family.

•Assemble a disaster supplies kit. Keep your supplies in an easy-to-carry backpack or duffel bag. Store your kit in a convenient place known to all family members. Hurricane Floyd, a category four storm, is considered the largest hurricane in history, measuring 600 miles in diameter.

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issues, international affairs, transportation, and labor. Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-MD), the CBC's secretary for the 106th Congress, scheduled an issue forum titled "The Urban Crisis: White Flight, Black Escape" which would deal with the phenomenon of blacks moving away from the urban areas in many of America's inner cities after whites flee these same places.

"One of the major reasons that we decided to look closely at this issue," said Beverly Fields, Legislative Director for Cummings, "is that our inner cities are losing nearly a thousand families a day to other suburban

areas. It is important and necessary that we determine how we can better handle the issue of urban livability." Many of the issue forums deal with nationally pressing issues for blacks, such as the police brutality forum to be conducted by Gregory Meeks (D-NY) and co-sponsored by Danny Davis (D-IL), Bobby Rush (D-IL) and Cummings. In addition to the forums and seminars, there are six major fundraising events which help allow the CBC to fund many of its scholarship, internship, and community service programs.

"We hope," said Clayton, "to set an agenda that will chart the course for black America."

APOLLO

receptive, so they decided to take their act to the next level. The legendary Apollo in New York became their next challenge. They won Amateur Night twice, and will return to defend their title.

This time, Rhapsodi needs the support of the Howard University community, group members say. The group has put together a package that includes a round-trip bus ticket and a floor level seat at the event. Rhapsodi says the competition this time will be tougher because they will have to compete against previous winners from earlier in the year.

"We want Howard to help," Harris, a 20-year-old vocal performance major said. "We're trying to get as many buses as we can." Mitchell, a 20-year-old music education major said. "You'll also have seven hours to eat and shop," Jones said.

With their distinct sound, it will be hard for them to be associated with "cookie cutter" groups. The group that describes themselves as a mix of Jazz, Gospel and R&B said that their unique sound comes from the fact that each of them can sing well. And that there is no such thing as a lead singer in their group.

"There's no lead singer. Our voices are versatile and blend so well," Jones said.

Image is also very important to the group. "You'll never see Rhapsodi on stage dressed like hoochies," Mitchell said. But ultimately staying power is most important for the Fine Arts students. "We're trying to be different because we want to be here 20 years from now," Jones said.

Tickets cost \$55 and all money must be turned in no later than Sept. 22. For more information call (301) 220-4771 #25. Or E-mail: Rhapsodi@collegeclub.com

BOYCOTT

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) supports this boycott and is making plans to boycott one or two networks during the sweeps period in November.

"It is important that racial and ethnic minorities stand together in the campaign to increase employment and economic opportunities in the network television industry," said President and CEO of NAACP Kweisi Mfume. "When the NAACP called for an end to the whitewash of television, we highlighted the fact that all minorities are missing in significant

numbers from this powerful industry."

Tyrrell Eiland, president of the Bison NAACP chapter, said that on Wed., Sept. 29, at the campus NAACP general body meeting, there will be an official announcement made about the upcoming boycott.

"We encourage all members and students campus-wide to participate," Eiland said.

Through this boycott, Eiland explained that the NAACP hopes to "forcefully encourage" the diversity of the networks' programming. However, some students did not feel that turning off the television will have a grave impact on minority rep-

resentation on major networks, but they do advocate the boycott.

"I don't really watch television, so in a sense I am participating," said Rickell Howard, sophomore international business major. "I don't think the boycott will make that big of a difference, as long as there are enough white people watching."

Sifo Ijewere, a junior computer-based information systems major, said, "If everyone's doing it, I won't turn my back."

Ijewere feels that minorities on television will never be directly proportional to actual life. Other students thought that the boycott will have an effect.

"I think the boycott will be successful, in that it will bring a lot of attention to the issue," said Ikemefuna Udeze, sophomore computer science major. "But I don't feel that it will directly bring about change." Udeze said that he will not actively participate in the boycott.

Eiland hopes for a large number of students to be involved in the boycott. "We expect members of the association [NAACP] will actively participate." As for the rest of the campus, Eiland said, "I hope they will take the time and study."

POLICY

away their protection from termination was unnerving. "I was surprised, concerned and not willing to sign. I immediately sought further clarification," said Dr. David Schwartzman of the biology department. The letter was followed by an apology from Clarence Lee, the interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The memorandum clearly stated that the personnel guidelines did not apply to faculty. In addition, President H. Patrick Swygert made fur-

ther clarifications at the Faculty Senate meeting on Sept. 1.

Still, many faculty members have some concerns about the new policies concerning staff.

"My attitude is that anybody that signs that policy gets what they deserve," said Faculty Senate President Taft Broom. Broom advised all staff members to consult their union or lawyers about the policy. However, Broom said the senate will take no official stance because the matter is outside of their jurisdiction.

Dr. Joseph Applegate, who has

HUSA

of expenditures didn't come to the approval of an administrator," she said. Watkins said that her job is to provide "administrative oversight" for HUSA's financial affairs. That includes checking signatures on money requests and making sure that the money is being spent in an appropriate manner; however, she does not keep a running balance, she said. "The General Assembly has the

power to force HUSA to account for the funds that were spent," Watkins said. "They attempted to do that, but they couldn't get a quorum." Last year's general assembly was not able to reach a quorum until second semester.

"Elected student representatives are the checks and balances on HUSA, not me and not the administration," Watkins said. "They don't require it, then they don't get it. But, they've got to come to the meetings." In keeping with its platform of full

worked with many university staff organizations and the senate, encouraged staff employees to "not just accept but ask" about the policy. Applegate views the policy as "part of a general move to put the General Executive Officer in total control of the University." Further, Applegate said he laments the lack of a united staff body at the University that could combat moves against employee security and safe working conditions. Contract employees and certain policy statements "have all but rid the University of unions" said Applegate.

Michael Jones, president of the Howard University Staff Support Organization, said the group will have no formal statement on the policy until the body's executive meeting next week. "I have received a few calls and I encouraged all those concerned to put them in writing." Hampshire-Cowan, vice-president for Human Resource Management, could not be reached.

not designed for graduate student participation.

Bienvenido Lebron, vice president of the School of Communications, read a statement to the Assembly imploring them to stop holding up the money for programs. "It's not our money, it's the students' money," he said. "Some programs need to be put on. We can't delay this anymore." HUSA was granted the \$10,000 to put on programs, such as next Friday's planned kick-off for WHBC.

the student organizations account). There was also money that had been set aside for services that had never been rendered. These requests were canceled and the money redistributed to pay the debts. Towards the end of the summer, the HUSA executive account was in the black (good standing).

In the early days of September, we received a statement that our executive account was approximately \$8,000 in the hole. Currently we are investigating this matter by all available and appropriate means. We have found that past HUSA administrations have set one or two sub-accounts that contradict the mandates of the constitution. We are seeking to remove them. As information arises, we will update you.

Composed by Q. Terah Jackson III, HUSA Vice-President

Programs Report

The HUSA Programs Department would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the orientation water stations and the S.R.A. program (Student Registration Assistants) this semester. Special thanks goes to Deinaba Sene, SRA programs coordinator, whose tireless efforts made it possible to extend the program a full week. We would also like to thank the coordinating staff of the "HU Unity 2000 Family Picnic" (Tremayne Taylor, Krista Blackwell, Alisa Alston, Q. Terah Jackson III) for starting the first United Council's event with a splash. Also in September was the debut of the Blackburn Cafeteria Lecture series. Professor Metz of the African Studies Department gave a lecture on service and sacrifice to the black community. If you have any suggestions or comments please e-mail us at huunity2000@hotmail.com.

Next week, we will be hosting, in conjunction with WHBC 830 AM, Howard's student run radio, "The WHBC revitalization kick-off mixer" on the Blackburn Terrace. This spring Unity 2000 will be hosting an international conference entitled "UNITY 2000: Bridging the Gap Between Africa and its Diaspora." This fall we will be having a preparatory workshop. If you are interested in volunteering for the fall workshop please contact the volunteer director, Taiji Rauf, at 806-4134.

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Composed by Marilyn Hoosen, HUSA President

Student Government Report

The General Assembly, the legislative body of HUSA, has consistently reached quorum at all meetings held this semester. The UGSA and GSA representatives have been very enthusiastic about assuring that this year's student government moves forward in a positive manner. This year the general assembly has voted against the street closing and has offered its assistance to aid the administration in improving registration. Likewise, we in the HUSA office are excited about the new format for general assembly, as well as bringing the meetings to the student body in the form of radio and television broadcasts.

Our immediate plans for the future include establishing connections with each student on campus by having a liaison with each student organization and dormitory council.

Composed by Jerrilyn Jones, HUSA Executive Secretary

Fiscal Report

At the beginning of the summer the HUSA Executive Branch was faced with debt in all "pools" except for the equipment "pool" (A "pool" is money allotted within one of the three accounts—the HUSA Executive account, the University-Wide programs account, and

THE CITY

Black Family Reunion Celebration Draws Thousands to D.C.

By VALERIE THOMAS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Hundreds turned out at the annual Black Family Reunion last weekend at the Washington Monument on the Mall.

The event was sponsored by the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW).

The purpose was to bring African-American families together for a weekend of celebration. In 1986, Dorothy Height, along with other members of the NCNW, paired up with the Government of the District of Columbia to set aside a weekend dedicated to celebration.

"Our objectives are supported by people who share our visions and ideas," said Height.

The Black Family Reunion Celebrations aim to unify the community for constructive action in the face of national concerns impacting the African-

American family in education, health care, drug abuse, teen pregnancy and employment, event organizers said. These weekend outdoor events are offered free to the public.

The theme for each year is "Leave No One Behind." The outreach consists of over 4 million women and volunteers.

"The event was very well attended and the turnout consisted of a number of black families interacting in a positive way," said Danielle Funny, publicity coordinator of the NCNW. "It definitely fulfilled the goals and visions of the black family reunion."

The national sponsors of the black family reunion for this year were Ford, General Mills, Nabisco, Procter and Gamble and Western Union. American Airlines, BET, Columbia House, Giant, Lactaid, Reebok and Howard University Hospital are a few of the regional sponsors.

At the start of the weekend was the annual Gala reception at BET studio II. The reception is held in honor of the volunteers and their sponsors. This year, the NCNW also honored *Ebony's* exceptional teachers.

Dorothy Height was the guest speaker as well as the distinguished guest. She is the chair and president emerita of the NCNW. This year, the U.S. Surgeon General, David Satcher, was also in attendance. He presented Height with the Surgeon General's medalion for leadership and exceptional service. Before receiving her award, Height spoke briefly about the founder of NCNW, Mary McLeod Bethune. She said that Mrs. Bethune's motto was "I want to see more black faces in high places." Satcher is the second African-American Surgeon General.

After the initial program,

BET presented the premier of their newest movie, "Incognito." Starring Richard T. Jones and Vanessa Williams, the movie is a collection of movies written about African Americans by African-American writers. The topics of the films are controversial and deal with issues relevant to the African American community. "Incognito" is about the rape of a young woman and how she coped with the aftermath of the ordeal.

After the Gala, the weekend was officially underway. The Howard section of the NCNW volunteered on Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. Groups of three were stationed throughout the monument grounds handing out free samples, greeting families, or giving directions. This is an annual affair that the NCNW here at Howard participates in.



Gospel singer, Oleta Adams, signs autographs for fans during the Black Family Reunion.

Photo By Troy Tieul

Moro Magazine Brings Latin and African Roots To The Forefront

By KRISTY HINDS
Business Editor

A brand new, fresh faced magazine with a Latin edge will put out its second urban issue this fall. *Moro* magazine, the Latin magazine with African roots, is hitting the District by storm.

Co-editor and owner Robert Asprilla is an alumnus of the University of Maryland College Park. *Moro's* other half is Co-editor and owner Santiago Mauer, a graduate student at Howard studying for his Ph.D. in African Diaspora History.

Although both editors admit that

Moro has been in the works for some time, *Moro's* first issue premiered in June of 1998. When *Moro* was in its conceptual stage, Asprilla tried to find a name for his magazine that was short and concise for marketing purposes. He also wanted a name that depicted its Latino- and Afro-centrism. Asprilla found his magazine's name in his study of European history and the Moors.

"With this magazine I wanted to prove one thing -- that there are black people in Latin America and that black people in Latin America are not a marginal community," Asprilla added "that the culture in Latin America is basically African because

prior to the Spaniards coming to the Americas they themselves had been under the influence of Africa for about eight hundred years under the tutelage of the Moors."

Asprilla envisioned that *Moro* would be the perfect name to signify that his magazine would be rich in history and by, for, and about people of African descent.

Asprilla said that he first envisioned the magazine while studying at the University of Maryland after reading Colombia's leading magazine, which features a caricature of a stereotypical black house maid.

"I saw a magazine called *Cromos*

with a reoccurring black caricature called "Blanca Nieves" [snow white] and she was the color of black ink, yet her name was snow white and her hair was never combed and she always says something ridiculous," said Asprilla.

Asprilla hoped to create a magazine that would change such stereotypes.

"Black people are invisible in the mass media of Latin America and when they are included they are either depicted as the 'Buckwheat' image or black women are depicted as maids, or the voluptuous prostitute," said Asprilla.

Asprilla met Santiago Mauer at a Howard University function and

together they created *Moro* magazine.

The duo have scholars researching information for their articles and a host of Howard students who help support and promote the magazine. However, Mauer said, "At the end of the day it is just Rob and I. All day long Rob and I throw ideas for the magazine back and forth, we completely trust each other and respect each other's ideas."

Although *Moro* magazine is not yet grossing large sums of money, Asprilla and Mauer both enjoy the independence of having their own publication.

"We have no one to answer to. The magazine is going to say what we want it to say," said Mauer. "This is a completely independent publication -- there is no outside funding."

Moro magazine is not just about history. It is a lifestyle magazine geared toward people of African descent, covering a wide variety of topics from sports, history and fashion to business, art and health. One feature article called "Mismo Gente Otro Sitio" (same people, different place) features in every issue people of African descent from locales as diverse as South America and Russia.

Newseum Brings Tourists To Nation's Capitol

By KRISTY HINDS
Business Editor

Billions of people travel to Washington, DC each year in search of a glimpse into the United States government system. The Washington Monument, The Pentagon, and The White House are not DC's only appeal. The U.S. Capitol is flocked to by billions of tourists each year because of its rich collection of the arts located in world renowned museums such as the Smithsonian.

Unfortunately every year many tourists overlook many museums that are rich in information as they fight for pictures of the memorials, the capitol building, and Kennedy's "eternal flame".

Recently, many of these tourists have found their way to Roslyn, Va., home of the world's first interactive news museum. The 72,000-square-foot building that cost roughly \$ 50 million dollars to make was designed by a prominent architect Ralph Appelbaum, who also designed Washington's Holocaust Memorial. More than 900,000 people visited the Newseum in its first two years of operation.

The center of the Newseum is a 126-foot-long video wall that shows breaking news stories from all over the world simultaneously. Just below the video wall is a newspaper display of daily paper's front pages from all fifty states and many countries. Two permanent exhibits at the Newseum are the "News History Gallery" and the "Early New Gallery", which displays artifacts such as microphone's used by famous journalists possibly reporting from a war zone.

Senior, graphic arts major, Malcolm Jones is a graphic designer for the Newseum. Jones noted that working at the Newseum is a great opportunity for him.

"There are a lot of supportive Co-

worker's here who are objective and extremely helpful," said Jones "The main goal here is to be productive and to make sure that the expectations of the Newseum have been met."

Jones believes to the present date at least one-million people have visited the Newseum.

Probably more than half of these visitors were attracted by the Newseum's "Interactive Newsroom", where visitors can be a television or radio news anchor, appear on their favorite magazine cover, investigate a top news story, or edit the front section of major newspapers.

Peter Prichard, former director of the Newseum and president of the Freedom Forum, said at a press conference "Even though people may not love the press, certainly many surveys show that confidence in journalists is at one of the lower points since these surveys began, people really enjoy seeing the first draft of history."

Jones admitted that the Newseum is a great place to help him develop his skills as a graphic designer. "In executing requests to produce design work for various exhibits and function, I am able to better develop my abilities as a graphic designer." Jones added "Working with others with similar interests and background allows me to receive positive feedback from my peer's also working with state of the art equipment that is constantly developing is preparing me for my career"

Unlike many other museums in the national area the Newseum has unveiled more than 20 exhibits since it opened. Currently on display is "Fly Me to the Moon: 500 Years of Fiction and Fact, a review of people's fascination with space. This exhibit which displays original articles after Buzz Aldrin's walk on the moon, will be on display until Sunday, September 12.

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Roman Catholic Bishop on Trial for Genocide

KIGALI, Rwanda — Augustin Misago, 56, is the first Roman Catholic Bishop to go on trial for genocide and crimes against humanity during the 1994 massacre. Misago allegedly sent more than 50 school children into a violent mob. He has been accused of aiding in the killing of 800,000 Tutsis, refusing them shelter and participating in meetings at which the killings were organized. Misago, arrested on April 14, denies the charges, although survivors and other priests have allegedly come forth with evidence against him. About 30 members of the clergy were held in Rwanda and two priests received death sentences.

Brazilian Indians Attempt Collective Suicide

BRASILIA, Brazil — Ten young Guarani-Kaiowa Indians attempted to commit collective suicide by drinking a mixture of brandy and pesticide. Three died and the other seven were hospitalized. The tribe has a history of committing suicide when beset by problems, such as the loss of its ancestral land. Currently, the government recognizes the Panambizinho reservation to have 2,667 acres of land, however, due to settlers' disputes, the 270 members live on 150 acres of that land. Most of the forest surrounding the reservation has been destroyed for soybean cultivation. According to the Catholic Church's Indigenous Missionary Council, over 210 Guarani-Kaiowa Indians have killed themselves over 10 years.

Haitians Rally for Church Attack Victims

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A peaceful rally was held Sept. 11 near the ruins of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's church. St. Jean Bosco Catholic Church was burned down in 1988 by people backed by the army. The assailants entered the church during mass, when Aristide was present, and shot and hacked 12 worshippers, then set the church on fire. Pictures of the victims were placed on the remaining walls. Aristide attended the rally, and waved but did not speak to the crowd. No one was ever brought to trial for the attack.

South African Diplomat Killed

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Zimbabwe vice-consul to South Africa Madzorera Meki was fatally shot in the head by thieves on Sept. 12 outside of a colleague's home in Bedfordview, a Johannesburg suburb. As Meki got out of his car to use the entrance intercom, several men approached the car and one shot him in front of his 11-year-old son. The car was stolen and found on a highway. Meki had been with the consulate since 1994. This killing is one in a series of attacks on diplomats.

AIDS Conference Calls for Government Support

LUSAKA, Zambia — The 11th annual International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Africa was held to urge greater commitment by governments to stop the spread of AIDS across Africa. During the four-day conference delegates, social workers, AIDS sufferers and AIDS activists urged governments to give more money to satisfy health needs. Many African families now focus on the sick rather than agriculture. AIDS has killed 11 million Africans in 15 years.

The Taliban Frees Two Journalists

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Two Pakistani journalists were released after being jailed in Afghanistan by the Islamic militia, the Taliban, for allegedly spying for Iran. Salim Safi and Mohammed Azam work for News Network International. The two men were picked up after returning from opposition-held territory. The Taliban, composed mostly of Sunni Muslims, accused Iran of helping its opponents, some of whom represent Afghanistan's minority Shiite Muslims. Iranians are primarily Shiite Muslims.

— Compiled by Lynn Simmonds from Associated Press reports.

Amnesty International Seeks Howard Students for Mentorships, Internships

BY VALERIE THOMAS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Hoping to add Howard students to its ranks as mentors with its Human Rights service corps for the first time, Amnesty International visited the University last week.

The program educates local college students on human rights and mentors public high school students.

As mentors, Howard students would work closely with a high school teacher to make decisions on how the class would be taught. Some of the topics taught include police brutality, women's rights, the death penalty, indigenous people's rights, and African perspectives. Amnesty International's objective is to raise public awareness of human rights issues through the mentorship program.

"There is a huge interest in this mentorship program on the college level. Georgetown, George Washington and American are involved, and we are really interested in Howard University," said Kristine Belisle, Amnesty International Program Coordinator.

The Human Rights service corps has not had any students from Howard University since its initiation. "The students that are

teaching in the inner-city schools now don't really have a connection with the students that they are teaching. We would really like to have African-American students involved," Belisle said.

Presently, there are no African-American students participating in the program. "It's not that the students here are not interested in the programs; there was not enough publicity," said Melissa Mitchell, Howard student coordinator.

"This program instills leadership skills in high school students and allows mentors to introduce several issues involving human rights to the high school students," Belisle said.

Most college students who serve as mentors are education, sociology, political science, or international affairs majors. The program provides hands-on opportunities for college students who are interested in education. It is designed to be a learning experience for university and high school students.

The members involved need to complete 16 hours of training in three areas: human rights, education and facilitation. During the course of the semester additional training is given. After the training is complete, the mentors enter a Washington, D.C. high school, where they educate students on human rights under the supervision of a teacher. The mentors are assigned to one

classroom and expected to attend one hour per week. The curriculum of the class is designed to coincide with the class in which it is taught. The curriculum touches on both local and international human rights. This program benefits both the mentor and the student.

The students learn about important human rights issues and violations while studying under a positive role model. The mentors enhance their knowledge of human rights and sharpen their communication skills. Amnesty International has several intern opportunities as well.

Seven programs in the office are available to college students. Since many Amnesty International affairs involve Africa, it is seeking more volunteers from the African-American community.

Amnesty International is also looking for media interns to receive national and international news daily. This program helps monitor media coverage of human rights worldwide.

"We have not had a Howard University student intern or volunteer with Amnesty International yet, and we are excited about the interest," said Terrence Walker, assistant coordinator of the internship program. Positions are open for the fall and spring semesters. The coordination group assists

Amnesty International representatives with their efforts to recruit, train and serve members. One program is specifically designed to abolish the death penalty.

The organization was founded in 1961 for the sole purpose of protecting human rights. It is a non profit organization that works independently of all government and political ideologies. It doesn't accept any financial contributions from the government. Its goals are to release prisoners of conscience, to ensure fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners, and to end the death penalty and all other inhumane and degrading treatment of prisoners.

More than 40,000 prisoners have been helped by the organization since its founding. Amnesty International's membership exceeds 1,000,000 supporters and sponsors.

Interns are required to work 30 hours a week. The organization accommodates all class schedules for the intern's tenure. The intern must have strong written and verbal communication skills. Team work is one of the largest focuses of the internship opportunity.

Amnesty International training sessions will be held Sept. 18 and 19. Contact Kristine Belisle at (202) 544-0200 for more information.

Higher Education Within Reach for Learning Disabled

BY LYNN SIMMONDS
Nation & World Editor

According to the National Institute of Health, 15 percent of the United States' population have learning disabilities. Although learning disabilities are often seen as a childhood problem, adults also must learn to cope.

A learning disability is a disorder that affects the way normal or above average intelligence people accept, retain and express information.

In adulthood, signs of a learning disability include difficulty understanding jokes, picking up sarcasm, interpreting social cues and social skills. Those with them may have difficulty in reading, reading comprehension, writing, sentence structure, organizing written work, math concepts or in conveying information orally.

According to the National Center for Learning Disabilities, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder is sometimes present along with learning disabilities. Learning disabilities can be hereditary or caused by injury, use of drugs and alcohol during pregnancy or premature or prolonged labor.

An NCLD survey showed that 56 percent of its members had difficulty in social relations, 53 percent in post-secondary education and training and 40 percent in job/career advancement. And 39 percent identified attention deficit disorder as a secondary disability. Many students with disabilities are seeking a post-secondary education with the help of trained professionals at colleges and universities.

In 1989, three students took advantage of Special Student Services at Howard University to help to overcome their learning disabilities. Presently, more than 200 students seek help from the department and this semester 13 more students were added. According to Dr. Vincent Johns, dean of the department of Special Student Services, incoming students inform the department of their disabilities by sending a document describing the evaluation recommendations, and they can then request the services they need.

But not all students know they have a learning disability before entering the University. Professors may detect a problem and speak directly to the student about taking an assessment test or speak to the department about it. At other times the students may find themselves in a crisis and decide to take the

test themselves, said Johns.

Testing is done outside the University, then documentation of the learning disability along with recommendations to improve the learning process are given to the student, who then informs the University. Assessments test attention, memory, reasoning and problem solving skills, language functions, literacy functions and perceptual motor skills. Although students may have the same learning disability, the same accommodations are not always needed. A learning disability's severity varies from one person to the next.

Some forms of accommodation provided by the University include extended time to take tests, extended time for assignments, usage of tape recorders in class, tutorial services, textbooks on audio tapes and taking alternative types of exams. Some students may need exams to be read to them, while others simply may do better on oral rather than written exams. The Student Special Services department contacts the students' professors but it is up to the student and each professor to decide on examination procedures.

Foreign languages and mathematics are particularly troublesome areas for some learning disabled students. Substitutes can

be made for these classes after approval by the student's respective department. Course loads are not changed due to any learning disability. "The person must fulfill the requirements of the degree for the degree," said Johns.

He stresses that students must request the things they need. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires that all educational institutions that receive government funding provide qualified learning disabled students with accommodation to enable their success. But it is the student's responsibility to notify the institution and request the services.

"We require them to come in because of privacy issues," said Johns. The confidentiality of the students is held very strictly. "We release no information unless we have the permission of the student," he added.

Johns said additional pieces of equipment such as computer software and full-time support personnel such as counselors would benefit the students. Johns would like a support staff to keep communication with the students open so that they stay focused. "It would be beneficial to students. It is a viable service that would go after the student. Communication relies on the student now," he said.

War in Sudan Claims 1.9 Million Lives, Spurs Slave Trade

BY SIOBHAN BOYD
Hilltop Staff Writer

More than 50 experts, administrators, faculty and students gathered Sept. 8 in the Ralph J. Bunche International Affairs Center for a discussion on Sudanese slaves and refugees, moderated by the Bunche Center's deputy director, George Mitchell.

Sudan, the largest country in Africa, is the home of the longest ongoing civil war in the world today. Around 1.9 million people have been killed, more than in any other war since World War II. Sudan is also home to millions of refugees and what many observers say is a burgeoning slave trade.

Panel members included Roger Winter, executive director of the U.S. Committee for Refugees, Congressman Donald M. Payne, Democrat of New Jersey and an executive board member of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Dr. Charles Jacobs, president of the American Anti-Slavery Group in Boston.

Jacobs testified to attacks that he said are commonplace in the south. "The soldiers surround the village, storm it, capture the women and children, then slaughter the men." He said the captured women and children are shipped to the north where they are sold as slaves in cities such as Khartoum, the capital, and Port Sudan. In 1996, U.N. representative Gaspar Biro investigated and confirmed that slavery in the Sudan was increasing.

Winter stressed that "there is no other country in the world where a government bombs its people so routinely as the country of Sudan." In November of 1998, one such bomb damaged a civilian hospital in Yei just hours after Winter and USCR delegates had visited.

The 15-year civil war has created over 4 million internally displaced refugees. As towns are bombed and burned, those who survive seek refuge in other areas of the south or the larger, more modern cities of the north. As many as 350,000 Sudanese leave the country for protection in neighboring Chad, Ethiopia, Kenya, Eritrea, or

Uganda.

The war began in 1983 and several military coups marked the decade until the current president, Omar Hassan Ahmed al-Bashir, took power in 1989.

Also in attendance were Dr. Ibrahim Sundiata, chair of Howard University's History Department, and Mr. Keith Jennings of the National Democratic Institute. Both questioned the world's, and especially the United States', response to the problems in Sudan.

Sundiata referred to an article from the April 19 edition of *Time* magazine that documented U.S. involvement in conflicts around the world. Although Sudan's death toll was by far the highest, U.S. intervention was limited to approximately \$1 billion in food relief compared to the deployment of U.S. troops in Kosovo. Sundiata is critical of the glaring discrepancy when comparing Sudan's figures with those of Kosovo. Nearly two million have died in Sudan, compared with thousands in Kosovo.

Although U.S. involvement has been scarce, Congressman Payne spoke of new

legislation that he introduced in the House of Representatives in June. The resolution condemns genocide, harboring terrorists and government-sponsored slavery.

Dr. Jacobs' American Anti-Slavery Group has also begun lobbying the United States government to take action in Sudan. Its petition, addressed to President Bill Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, requests that the U.S. and U.N. demand the freedom of 103 named slaves along with tens of thousands of others.

The question and answer period of the session revealed that many in attendance felt the panel was biased. Several Muslim attendees were concerned by the one-sided discussion, which lacked Muslim voices and those of the northern Sudanese.

Mitchell assured those concerned that he was aware of the bias and had invited a Muslim to be on the panel, but that that person was unable to attend. He also stated his intentions of hosting another discussion about Sudan, noting the large turnout and the

Diplomat Moves From Foreign Service To Student Service

BY LYNN SIMMONDS
Hilltop Staff Writer

Simply mention the foreign service or Howard University to Christian Filostrat, the new Diplomat-in-Residence at the Ralph J. Bunche Center, and he is eager to talk. "I'm a Howard product," says Filostrat proudly. He received all three of his degrees in African Studies at the University.

Filostrat, a 1978 graduate, will assist students in preparing for the Foreign Service Exam and provide information on study programs at foreign embassies and scholarship information.

"I was always interested in policy function and foreign affairs," said the Martinique native. So in 1980 he began his foreign service as a junior officer in Senegal. This allowed him to work near a man he studied and respected for years, former President Leopold Senghor of Senegal. His admiration led him to write his doctorate dissertation on Negritude, a movement urging black consciousness and cultural pride.

Presently, Filostrat's service is for the stu-

dents of Howard University. "I wish I had a Diplomat-in-Residence to help me and speak to me about foreign service," he said. "I had to pursue my interests on my own."

Filostrat, fluent in French, Spanish, Romanian and English, has only positive

interest. It is his sincere interest that enabled his peers to recognize his work. In 1990 Filostrat received the Presidential Award in Haiti, where he remained for three years.

Earlier in his career he went to Romania, which is now one of his favorite places. He

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comments about his experiences and remains grateful to the University. "I moved very fast in the ranks; it was the fact that I was a Howard University product. Now the State Department is looking to Howard University to fill up the ranks," said Filostrat.

He wants success for all those who are

worked for a Holocaust museum with archives documenting the deportation of Jewish people. The two-year stay was a lesson in history.

With the help of his mentor, Cheik Anta Diop, an acclaimed Egyptologist, Filostrat was able to fully appreciate Niger, which he said is the most interesting place he visited.

He celebrated the land and the people he saw traveling in caravans in search of basic necessities. "In Niger I saw more than anywhere else," he said.

But it was time to return home, so Filostrat is back at Howard. Throughout his travels he has met Howard alumni, but not enough, he said. The prestige of the University is always mentioned. "Howard stands out," he said.

Filostrat will be conducting an information session about the Foreign Service Exam along with recent student interns from foreign embassies on Sept. 30 at the Bunch Center.

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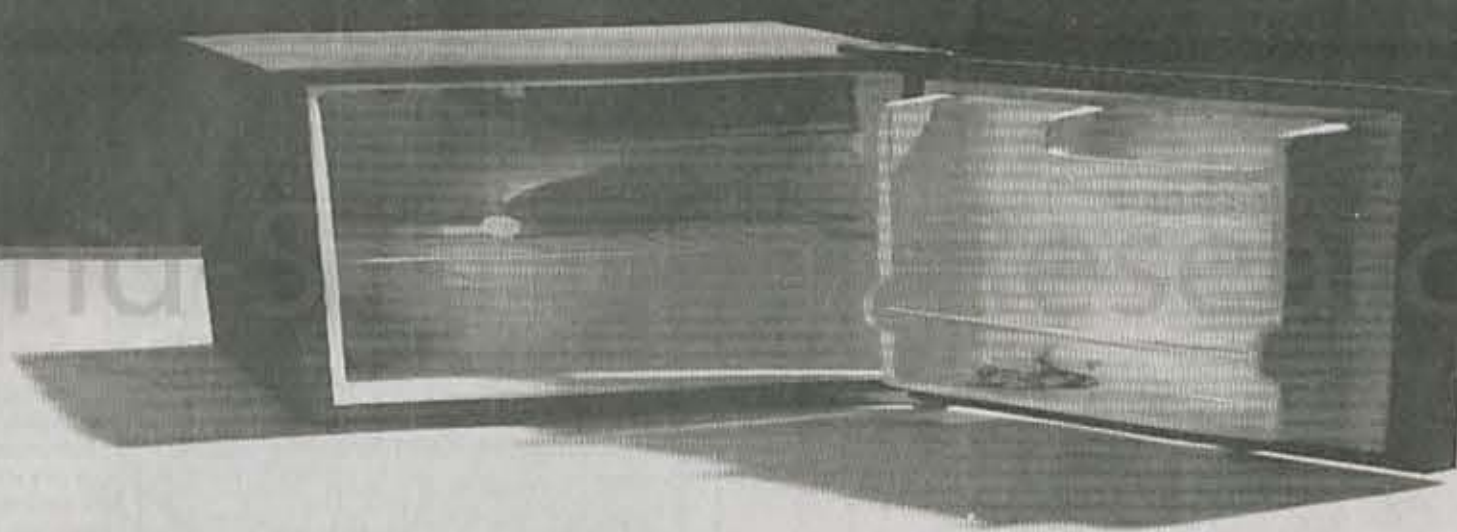
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NO TV!!!

Everyone has made a huge hubub of the recent threat of boycotting major television shows because of their fall line-ups which have failed to include even a small number of roles played by people of color. Some people believe that "it's not that deep." When will the majority of the black community wake up and realize that if we are not the greatest champions of our own struggle that our struggle will only worsen? We are kidding ourselves if we expect Jews, Asians, or any other minority group to be beside us at the forefront and demand quality television with diverse representation like we know we need it.

With it already being a challenge for people of color to receive consistent work in the enter-

tainment industry, particularly movies and television, it behooves us as a community to betray our own kind and continue to offer our support through viewership despite the absence of minorities. It is the same principle behind supporting black owned business. Things may soon get so bad that young black children who aspire to be actors or actresses may abandon their dreams altogether because that industry represents a closed door for our kind. It is our responsibility to let that industry know that we will put down our remotes before they will shut us out. In closing, this boycott is the first necessary steps in showing these major networks that we will not be shortchanged and underrepresented.

Our View

We are in support of a television boycott that calls for more minority roles and quality minority shows on

Simply The Best

Boldly stepping out from the shadow of her beautiful and gifted sister, Serena Williams seized her moment in history and won the U.S. Open Women's Cup and \$750,000. Serena's heroic crushing of Martina Hingis—the world's top-ranked player—places her on the historic plateau of Althea Gibson and the legendary Arthur Ashe.

Serena's historic victory was even sweeter because it was played on a court named for Arthur Ashe and Althea Gibson and Zina Garrison witnessed the moment.

The world of professional tennis, like everything else worthy of wanting, has been a hostile environment for African Americans. Few African Americans have been able to vault over the laager of resistance arrogant Anglo-Americans have erected to keep the sport albino-white.

Still, strong men and women keep coming. First, Althea Gibson won the U.S. Open in 1958, and Arthur Ashe triumphed at Wimbledon in 1975. Zina Garrison stood her ground in the 1980s. Moreover, we enter the 21st century with a stellar champion and the most positive and powerful African-American family

that even our racist media has failed to destroy. Serena's big sister Venus will never rest until she, too, has ascended to the pinnacle of the greats.

For two years, we have watched Serena and Venus with expectation. Their swagger, daring, and evocative blackness have transformed the game from a humbug to a living event. When they win, we all instinctively understand the symbolism of their victories.

Serena and Venus have a great asset: a committed, dedicated and reliable father. When television and movies assail the manhood of our race, Richard Williams shows the moguls of Hollywood that an African-American family man can change the world. We honor the Williams family, and a legion of bigoted sports journalists who can't stand assertive African Americans will not alter our affection or elation. We applaud the vision, self-love, confidence, and audacious pride that Robert Williams instilled in Serena and Venus. As a family, the Williams prove that unity is strength, power and success.

Our View

Serena Williams has seized the moment in history and is a role model for black youth everywhere.

Genocide and Slavery Stalk Sudan

Slavery and genocide have racked Sudan for nearly two decades, and the African-American community has through its silence condoned a Rwandese reality taking the lives of millions of innocent people.

In terms of morbidity Sudan is a virtual living hell. It has had the longest continual current civil war in the world—32 years. Over 1.9 million Sudanese have died in the past 15 years—more than in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Somalia, Chechnya, and Algeria combined. Sudan has 4,350,000 displaced persons and refugees, and 2.5 million famine-afflicted people. There are an additional 5 million totally impoverished people in the southern third of the country. Last, the Sudan is the world's greatest practitioner of black chattel slavery.

Where is our outrage at the carnage and suffering of our brothers and sisters in Sudan? Such horrible details should make this country's front-page news. Our brain-dead, narcotized

generation has chosen auto-fratricidal hip hop culture, hedonism, and greed, distracting us from pleading on behalf of Mother Africa!

Are we human beings or mere pleasure-seeking protoplasm that arrogantly claim to be descendants of Nat Turner, Patrice Lumumba, Sojourner Truth, Malcolm X, and Marcus Garvey?

Our failure to act gives strength to our enemies, who are using the tragedy of Africa as a trial balloon to see how much they can oppress us here. Slavery and genocide exercised

against Africans anywhere is a dagger pointed at the breast of all of us.

We cannot get into a time machine and undo the wrongs of slavery and the black Holocaust of the past, but we can stop the black Holocaust of today. We must rise to the high calling of Universal Abolitionists and demand peace and the rule of just law in the Sudan and the whole of Africa. Every day 360 people die in Sudan.

Our View

The African American community, through its silence condoned taking the lives of millions of innocent people.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I would like to thank the staff of *The Hilltop* for their coverage two weeks ago, of the Making It At the Mecca program hosted by the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. I feel it is important that student organizations get recognition in their attempts to serve Howard and the community at large.

It pains me to say this, but I believe fraternities and sororities have become too exclusive. To put it plainly, it seems as though except for parties, the only people who go to greek events are people who want membership.

You have to believe me when I say we here in greek land honestly throw these programs for your benefit as students. Personally, it's frustrating to try to reach the masses and fall so short because the letters on the flier made you feel unwelcome. Do not let the ignorance of others stop you from attending something that could be of great interest or value to you. Greek life is a part of college life, especially here at Howard. I hope your interest in us does not end when we stop stepping.

Sincerely from one Bison to another,
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PERSPECTIVES

Is This
"Color" TV?

CHARLES COLEMAN, JR.



Which is worse: The lack of minority ownership of major television mediums? The new sitcoms that have been introduced by the major television networks? Or the current boycott the NAACP and other minority groups have threatened major networks with? Whichever it is,

most alarming and concerning to me is the sense of apathy, helplessness and dependency that the same communities these groups are attempting to defend exhibit when debating this issue.

As young people, for years we were told by our elders that television rots the brain. With Americans watching more TV than any other country in the world, it is undeniable that this is the most widespread and effective media source that exists in the world. If there is any doubt about the level of influence that television has on the way that our society is shaped, one need not look any further than the outrageous advertising prices major companies pay for thirty seconds of your attention to hear a jingle and see a product during prime air time. People know who is watching and when, Nielsen box or not — general viewership *does* make a difference.

It is no secret that the minds of younger children are as malleable as fresh clay. It is also very well known that children within this same age range watch more television than any other age group. An essential component of building a strong self-image is the constant reinforcement of positive images with which one may identify. As a result, it is no coincidence that everyday television is laden with positive images of whites in many different roles. Our generation can watch television with an intelligent eye, because while growing up we were fortunate enough that every Thursday NBC indulged us by giving our community a full hour of positive images, split between the Huxtable family and Hillman College. The younger generation of today is not afforded such a luxury. Can they look to "Party of Five" or "Friends" and see positive images of young, successful people who look like them? Hardly. As a community, we are lying to ourselves if we do not acknowledge the key importance of having positive images on television for our youth.

Now on to you television-addicted, die-hard-faithful "Dawson's Creek," "Felicity" and "Ally McBeal" fans who find it inconceivable that a black leader would suggest that you stop supporting your favorite white actor(s) for a period long enough to actually make major networks pay attention and give us quality roles. The message sent by major networks to our community — which has repeatedly asked for increased minority roles on television — is that they don't care because we are not important. The message that we send back to them by continuing to watch their shows blindly and religiously is that they are correct and that we don't care either. The excuses that blacks offer as to why it is so difficult to put down the remote are nearly nauseating. I wonder where we would be if at the first mention of a bus boycott, members of the black community began to complain about how their feet would hurt and the uncomfortable nature of car-pooling. For those shows that feature a supporting black character who may have a maximum of two episodes with the central focus on him or her, I charge that it is still insufficient by far.

The next piece to this complex puzzle is that of economic self-determination, a simple principle that translates into he who has the cash makes the rules. When blacks and other people of color come together and use their purchase power to acquire significant stock in these media companies, we will begin to have a greater voice in how we are depicted to the masses — just like Jews, women and other minority groups have done in the past.

The issue is deeper than getting more blacks on white shows. No. We want our *own* shows with quality story lines and real life situations, not comedy sitcoms written by whites that air on a certain double digit network with a dancing frog as its mascot. Still, we'll never get them if we are so adamant about watching the newest episode of "90210" that we can't put down the remote, and thus continue to allow the boob tube to rot our brains and those of our children.

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NEGROGATE: Who Helped the
FIRM Filch Our Dough?

RANDY SHORT



Last Spring *The Hilltop* gave the Howard University Student Association administration of President Neville Welch's "FIRM" the hard-earned grade of "F." We knew "F" stood for failure, but now we know it stands for several words that start with the letter "F" including filch, fraud and for us an expletive. At present, the current HUSA administration, UNITY 2000, has been saddled with over \$15,000 in missing funds — strikingly similar to the fate of democratic regimes that replace brutal, corrupt, and neocolonial Third World dictatorships.

For you newcomers, the FIRM was infamous for slandering student leaders, continuously failing to have quorums, covertly undermining the existing Core By-Laws, refusing to disburse funds on time to student clubs, supporting the tuition increase, missing important meetings, not endorsing honorary Ph.D.s for James Farmer and Kwame Ture, crafting at the last minute a tardy, inept, and corrupt elections committee, and refusing to account for its use of money. Last, the FIRM refused to represent us. Welch claimed that his priority was policy not programs, but his regime did neither. In brief, the FIRM had neither style nor substance.

The allegedly stolen money points to dereliction of duty in high places: in HUSA and the Office of Student Activities. All financial transactions of HUSA have to be approved by the Dean of Student Activities and the Vice President of Student Affairs. Surely an elaborate paper-trail leads straight to the office of the Dean of Student Activities, who has the final say on all HUSA disbursements. The Dean must sign all paperwork, and there is no waiver in policy for sellout leaders.

The FIRM's leadership has inquiring minds thinking seriously about allegations of fraud. For example, were several FIRM executives given bonuses in excess of \$5,000 last semester? Was a firm executive given a shopping allowance of \$2,000? Who let the FIRM abuse cellular phones and blow over \$7,000? Is it true that one FIRM official had a grade average below 2.0? Was there an *unenrolled* FIRM executive receiving a stipend? Did FIRM members travel to Europe and Africa on our dime? Did we really pay

for a wedding and the ring last spring? Were these indulgences given for betraying the student body and keeping us quiet? Were incentives offered to persons for attacking campus activists? Did a FIRM executive forge a dean's signature to access funds? If this did actually happen, why haven't the accused been reported to the police? I wonder which petty administrator will be sacrificed to spare the guilty.

The FIRM's deficit is inexcusable. For those who don't know, according to HUSA account documents the administration gave Welch and the Firm \$30,000 in addition to the \$78,000 contained in the original budget. So Welch had more than enough money.

Frankly, we students should be outraged. The same people who have created a Hitler-like Code of Conduct for us — that they themselves would have violently rebelled against in the 1960s and 1970s — are the very people who turned a blind eye to whoever filched our dough. Where is our cable that we keep paying for? Where is the Internet access? Why does Howard employ people who refuse to do their jobs? If they are trying to be like white people, they should get it right!

We must demand that the criminals be brought to justice. Nobody should be allowed to have so much seniority at Howard that they can't be fired or demoted for dereliction of duty. As for the guilty, an internal audit of how administrators handle our funds must become an annual affair.

UNITY 2000 must prove that it has integrity by dismissing any persons linked to the FIRM's corruption. If there is any proof that any HUSA executives stole money, they should not be allowed to graduate until their debts are repaid in full. Employees guilty of aiding or abetting theft must be fired. We must redeem HUSA's reputation for being a perverted den of sell-outs, thieves, liars, whores and studs. The time has come to abolish the endemic corruption of Student Activities and the felons of Power Hall. NEGROGATE is a scandal coming to an administration near you.

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Curfews Long
Overdue For DC

DAMON WATERS



It is 11 o'clock at night: do you know where your children are? Well, after the passage and now court approval of a new D.C. law, D.C. kids under 17 will have to be in the house.

I applaud the D.C. Council for taking the initiative that some parents and guardians have not. Since many parents have neglected their parental duty

to make certain that their children are in the house at a respectable hour, the D.C. Council has made it law and the courts support it. I also appreciate the courts for finally allowing the implementation and enforcement of the law that was passed more than four years ago.

However, I do not believe that 11 o'clock is early enough. In order for children to get the necessary rest to attend school the subsequent day, not to mention ample time to study and complete homework correctly and completely, children should be in the house at a decent time. Unfortunately, like many laws passed in these times of the liberal refusal to accept personal responsibility for one's actions, many persons, including the American Civil Liberties Union, are crying foul.

I cannot be convinced that there is any legitimate need for any child, yes child, under 18 years old to be out on the streets late at night. Regardless of the reason, whether good or otherwise, children have no cause to be on the streets beyond darkness, let alone 11 p.m. The ACLU contends that the law limits these children's rights. Which right?

They argue, like so many other people, that the ever reaching and expanding First Amendment protects these children's right to assemble, loiter and what have you. Another gross misrepresentation of the meaning and scope of the First Amendment's provisions. All rights come with limits and this is such a limit.

Modern day excessive First Amendment manipulation has seemingly meant the protection of everything from smut on the Internet to profanity in front of children. And yet again, the First Amendment will be used to justify the illegitimation of this law. Like the NRA's absurd belief that the Second Amendment guarantees a citizen's right to keep a gun, the ACLU shall mount an assault on the law by making super-elastic interpretations of the First Amendment.

"Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble." The ACLU will, somehow, in that passage find grounds, whether applicable or not, to bring about the end of this law. They will not offer an alternative to make certain that dozens of children will not be killed because they happened to be out at a time when they should have been home asleep or preparing to go to school the day following. It is absurd to believe that there is any plausible argument to keep this law from going into effect. Like the illegitimacy of the NRA's argument, this too is an abhorrent attempt to excessively expand the rights outlined in the U.S. Constitution.

No, this law will not end all crime perpetrated by or on children, however it is, undoubtedly, an effort in the never ending struggle to save our children from drugs and crime. Instead of arguing against a plausible, positive action that will save some of the children from the streets, the ACLU should be offering programs and proposals of its own that could bring about the reduction in the astronomical rate of youth crime. It is ludicrous to assert that limiting young people from wandering the streets or loitering in public areas after 11 p.m. is in some way a violation of their rights to assemble. No rights, I argue, have been violated because no rights have been taken away. Youth still will have the right to assemble, merely not outside the confines of their family's property.

Though significant measurable analytical data proving their worth and showing the positive residuum of these laws is relatively limited, the overriding justification and purpose of the laws is to reduce the number of youths from public areas. In an effort to reduce youth crime this law is a good idea and should be supported. Parents should be held accountable for their children's whereabouts since it was their choice to have the child in the first place. But more than just holding parents to task for their children, communities should assist parents who need assistance with their children. It is unfortunate that the state will have to assume the responsibility of parents who should be held to task to have their offspring in the house and in bed by an appropriate time.

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Health Articles No Place for Smutty Verse, Steamy Adjectives

MARIE BAVWIDINSI

On Thursday, Sept. 9, *The Community News* ran a story on the effects of smoking that, if properly written, had the potential to be quite factual and informative. The article discussed the findings of a research study on the effects of smoking, with a primary emphasis on the negative ramifications for the proper functioning of the male genitalia. But somehow, the writer of this piece managed to totally corrupt the positive message of the subject matter with the negativity of her misguided words.

The focus of a health article must be clear, the topic specific, the facts correctly placed and in the proper context. "Journalistic freedom," seen so often in other genres, quickly disappears in the face of scientific proof and researched findings. There is a responsibility to the public to report on an issue accurately, with a deliberate manner in topic delivery. It is not necessary to appeal to the more coarse and com-

mon nature of the average reader. Rather, it is the task of the health reporter to enlighten readers and enlarge the knowledge base that they possess about health issues.

That is why it seemed so totally unnecessary to litter a perfectly good article with such trashy phrases as "can't get it up," "warm, fuzzy feelings in his pants," and "burning urge in her underwear." It is understood that, especially with our age group, that the mere mention of sex is enough to encourage immediate interest. But how many *Community News* readers paid enough attention after they read these phrases to enlighten themselves on the risks that smoking poses to the body, not just the late night ramifications of a Newport break?

Is it possible to give the readers of *The Community News* some credit? There may have been one person in the District of Columbia who really needed to read that article, but was turned off by the title of the story and the manner in which the

story was told. What type of service is that to the community?

What service is being offered to your readers when the meaning of your message is lost in smutty verse and steamy adjectives? What is your contribution to the positive consciousness of the African-American community? Is that not the most important reason to report health news to the public?

This is not an attempt to belittle the staff of *The Community News* or their obvious talents. It is simply a rebuttal to the style of writing offered for the subject matter presented in last week's issue. There must be some deliberate thought on how things are to be offered to the public, and the ramifications of these actions.

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Floyd, Media Show No Love For the Bahamas

ERIC HALL

What if a hurricane was headed directly for your house? Now, how would you feel if every major news source acted as though your house wasn't even there? That's exactly how I felt earlier this week.

Hurricane Floyd, a category five storm, took dead aim at my home, my family, my friends, my dogs, my car, my mango tree, my everything! It took aim at the Bahamas, MY COUNTRY! But if you listened to, or watched, or read any major American news source you probably wouldn't know that.

I am appalled at how my country was treated by the American media. I heard things like, "the storm is churning in the Atlantic...it's approaching some vacation islands...it's just east of Florida." That feels like needles jabbing me in the back of my head. I wanted to scream, "That's not just the Atlantic, those aren't just vacation islands, that's my home!" I don't think they would have heard me.

I thought about when that earthquake hit Turkey: I saw white faces all over my TV screen all the time. But, my little black country couldn't get recognized when the storm was trying to level everything I have in this world.

In the Carolinas they've evacuated, they ran for safety. My island is 21 by seven miles, with 166,000 people — we don't have anywhere to run! I'm glad Floyd is hitting the U.S. That sounds harsh, but to me it sounds like poetic justice. I welcome Floyd to my doorstep here. I want to stand in his midst and give him the finger. Don't get me wrong, in a naturalist kind of way, Floyd is a beautiful thing, but he's still getting the finger.

Some may argue that the American media caters to American people. Fine, but journalism is journalism no matter where you write it. I think it is careless of the American media to be so remiss as to call a sovereign nation with a population of almost 300,000 people, the Atlantic.

Respect is due to the Bahamas, Floyd gave us his best shot but he still could not stop us.

To The Bahamas: ALL IS LOVE!

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MR. HUTCHINSON MR. JOHNSON



By CHRISTOPHER WINDHAM
Hilltop Staff Writer

"They can't stop both of us. We can go left, we can go right, we can go up the middle, we can go outside. They can't shut both of us down." The "they" Howard University running back David Johnson is referring to is the opposing defenses that will try to stop Howard's "Men In Back" this season. Some have deemed them "The Dynamic Duo." Others prefer to call them "Rolling Thunder." But these two running backs just want to be themselves.

"I'm going to perceive myself as David Johnson and he's going to perceive himself as Jermaine Hutchinson," said Johnson. "We're going to let our actions on the field form our names."

Junior running backs David Johnson and Jermaine Hutchinson are two major reasons why Howard has high hopes for the 1999 football season.

"Dating back to last year, we were basically a pass-oriented team," said Johnson. "This year, it's going to be more of a running team. The running backs we have, Jermaine and myself, are going to perform up to our duties."

Last season, Johnson gained 467 yards on 59 carries. Hutchinson followed with 361 yards on 77 carries in an injury-plagued season. This season, Hutchinson set a goal for himself.

"I want to gain 1200 yards and score 20 touchdowns," said Hutchinson with a smile.

If he can repeat his performance during the Urban League Classic against other opponents this season, his goal could be attainable. Hutchinson rushed for 152 yards on 23 carries and four touchdowns against Hampton and was named Most Valuable Player of the game.

Jermaine Hutchinson is the product of the small town of Hawthorne, Fla. While growing

up, he never had many NFL heroes, but there is one NFL great who Hutchinson tries to imitate.

"I never really idealized anyone, but my game is similar to Walter Payton's style of play, because we both use power and strength," said Hutchinson.

"Hutch", as Jermaine is called by his teammates, said he chose Howard three years ago for numerous reasons.

"I thought I could change the program," said Hutchinson. "I wanted to change the offense from a mostly passing attack to a running attack."

If the Bison's offense wants to improve from last year, they will have to do it without the all-time passing leader in MEAC history, Ted White. White's departure allowed Bobby Townsend to step in as Howard's new starting quarterback.

"He's going to take a lot of pressure off us, being that [Townsend] is a little more mobile and faster than Ted," said Hutchinson.

"If they try to shut us down, we can go to the air," said Johnson.

Going into week three, Townsend is now one of the top passers in the MEAC. Townsend's success is no surprise to Jermaine Hutchinson.

"A lot of teams were saying because Ted White is gone, Howard is gone," said Hutchinson. "Bobby Townsend is going to surprise everybody. He's a great athlete."

Despite the disappointing low ranking and 0-2 start, Johnson still has high hopes for this season.

"Rankings don't mean anything," said Johnson. "It's how you perform on the field. They can rank us last, but we'll come up number one in the end."

Holding the distinction of being the underdog each game doesn't bother Hutchinson either.

"Me personally, I like being the underdog," said Hutchinson. "I like to come in and surprise people."

Hutchinson believes that there are similarities in Johnson's and his styles of playing.

"Some characteristics we share are great speed, great strength, the ability to read holes and the ability make opponents miss tackles," said Hutchinson.

Surprisingly, the only difference in style, according to Hutchinson, is the way head coach Steve Wilson utilizes his two running backs.

"I'm used more in blocking situations and David is used to more passing plays, like screens," said Hutchinson.

Last season, Johnson had nine receptions for 124 yards, while Hutchinson racked up five receptions for 70 yards.

In most college backfields, running backs are very competitive with each other. Competition on the field usually eliminates chances of friendship off the field. Johnson and Hutchinson prove that notion wrong. They remain good friends off the field and well as on. Hutchinson has no problem sharing the work load with Johnson.

"We've been good friends ever since we arrived and were looking forward to playing together. I'm not a hog," Hutchinson explained. "I just want to win."

But Howard fans still want to know: Who is better? Some say David Johnson. Others say Jermaine Hutchinson.

"We're very competitive. On the field, that's the only way to determine that," Hutchinson replied grinning.

Opposing defenses looking for a scared, insecure running back to pounce on should look elsewhere. Johnson and Hutchinson are confident in their abilities. When asked how he would stop himself if he were an opposing defense, Hutchinson replied, "I would stack the box with nine men. But, if the offensive line does their job, we can't go wrong. There's no real way to stop me."

If running backs David Johnson and Jermaine Hutchinson continue to improve their stats this season as they have done since their 1997 arrival, the 1999 season might become the season of Howard's "Men In Back."

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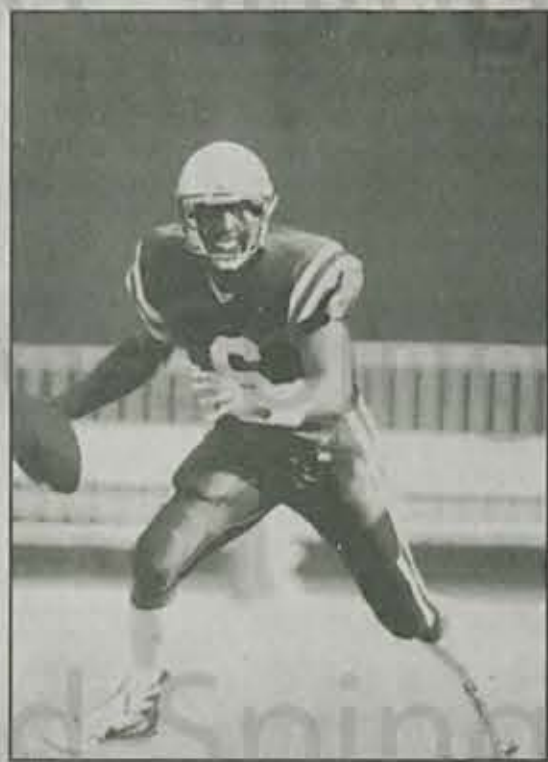
Bison Face Wildcats in Riverfront Classic

By KIMOTHY K. BROWN
Managing Editor

Our very own Howard University Bison will look to avenge last week's heartbreaking loss to the Hampton University Pirates, 27-28. The Bison, 0-2, will square off against 2-0 Bethune-Cookman as part of the Riverfront Classic in Cincinnati Sunday.

Last year's contest between these two teams saw the Bison defeat the Wildcats 32-25 in Indianapolis. Howard enters the contest with a solid running game led by Jermaine Hutchinson, last week's Most Valuable Player in the Howard/Hampton Classic. Although the Bison fought hard to defeat the defending Mid Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) champion Pirates, the team's efforts fell short on a blocked kick late in the game. Despite that, the Bison look forward to facing one of the MEAC's top teams.

Quarterback Bobby Townsend, wide receiver



Mark Coleman
Bobby Townsend will lead the Bison in Cincinnati as they face Bethune-Cookman.

Elijah Thurmon and running backs Hutchinson and David Johnson will be key players on offense for Howard. If the running game gets going early, Townsend will have a great day.

The secondary played much better against Hampton last week. Omar Evans and Brian McDonald will look to have huge games against a very good Bethune-Cookman offense. The defensive line and linebackers should also play big.

Bethune-Cookman runs the famous Wyatt-Bone offense, the namesake of Wildcats' head coach Alvin Wyatt. Defending MEAC Rookie of the Year Pa'Tell Troutman will have a huge passing game if Howard's secondary cannot contain the wide receivers, including Antonio Stanley and Curtis Williams.

Last week, Bethune-Cookman defeated the Morgan State Bears, 28-25. An onside kick that landed in the hands of a Bethune-Cookman special teams' player sealed the fate of the much-improved Bears team.

The Wildcats are guided on defense by linebacker Terry Doctor. Doctor is the MEAC's

pre-season defensive player of the year. The offensive line will have to play hard and well if they hope to keep Doctor in check.

Bethune-Cookman was picked to finish third in the conference during the preseason. Although the Wildcats are talented, it will be very difficult to stay at the top and repeat last year's success of an 8-3 record.

On the other hand, the Bison were selected to finish no better than sixth in the MEAC. But the Bison are trying to quiet all the experts who are counting them out. Besides the key starters, the Bison have depth at nearly every position. But the Wildcats will give the Bison a tough challenge.

Sunday's game should provide for a very interesting afternoon of black college football. Both teams are looking to prove something. On one hand, Howard is trying to win for the first time this season. On the other hand, Bethune-Cookman is trying to prove they are worth all the pre-season accolades. Kickoff is at 2 pm.

Pirates Steal One from Bison, 27-28

By KEVIN D. STEWART
Sports Editor

The Pirates of Hampton Institute (HI) defeated the Howard University (HU) Bison 28-27 in a heart breaking loss at the Sixth Annual Greater Washington Urban League Southwest Airlines Football Classic in Washington, D.C.

RFK Stadium was the sight of the intense battle in which 26,300 spectators turned out to view the game.



Mark Coleman
Howard running back Jermaine Hutchinson was named MVP of Saturday's game.

Two-time MEAC champion Hampton was coming off a 21-0 stomping of Delaware State. The Bison were recovering from a tough loss to Jackson State, 35-21.

Hampton head coach and former Howard head coach Joe Taylor has won this battle the last two years, including last year's 38-31 thriller where the Pirates held off a furious Bison rally late in the game for the victory.

This year, the Bison were able to amass 355 yards, with 200 yards coming from HU's committee of running backs Jermaine Hutchinson and David Johnson. Hutchinson gained 152 yards on 23 attempts, leading all scorers with four touchdowns. Hutchinson's tremendous effort on the field caused him to be selected Most Valuable Player of the game.

Quarterback Bobby Townsend completed 12 of 37 passes for 133

yards and had one interception. Hampton quarterback Roy Johnson completed 15 of 30 passes for 213 yards on the day and had one touchdown pass. HI gained 404 yards of total offense.

HU wide receiver Elijah Thurmon and tight end Stephens Leon combined for 8 catches totalling 107 yards, while Hampton receivers Zuriel Smith and Mike Compton combined for 9 receptions for 119 yards.

Defensively, the HU secondary which was burned for three touchdowns against JSU redeemed themselves by providing solid coverage against the Hampton receiving corp. Though Howard did not stop them completely, they prevented easy scores by the Hampton offense. HU defensive end Oby Arah had two sacks and linebacker Rhoad Hill had eight tackles. HU defensive back Omar Evans had three breakups. Hampton linebacker Deon Hunt led all players with 12 tackles total.

HU struck first, going three plays for 17 yards while starting on the HI 17 yard line. Jermaine Hutchinson capped off the drive with a four-yard run into the end zone for a touchdown with 11:37 left in the first quarter. Point after (PAT) was blocked, leaving HU with a 6-0 lead.

HI came back down the field, scored on a three-yard run by Michael Jones, and converted on the PAT to take the lead 7-6. HI was able to convert on a fumble by HU on the HU 9-yard line to make the score 14-6 with 3:26 left in the first quarter.

The only score in the second quarter was on



Mark Coleman
Quarterback Bobby Townsend passed for 133 yards for the day in a losing effort against Hampton.

a four-yard run by HU running back David Hutchinson after driving six plays for 58 yards. HU was able to get the two-point conversion to even the score at 14-14.

HI was able to march five plays for 65 yards in the third quarter for the score. A 34-yard pass from Roy Johnson to running back Karima Mayer capped off the drive. With the PAT, HI took the lead 21-14.

The fourth quarter opened with a HU touchdown. HU drove 77 yards on five plays, and ended the drive with a 22-yard run by Hutchinson for the score with 14:52 in the fourth quarter to tie the game 21-21. The Pirates were able to march 65 yards from their own 35-yard line to score with 10:21 in the final quarter.

The Bison were down by seven. Starting at the HU 28-yard line, the Bison began a long march to the end zone. In a drive lasting 6:57, the Bison brought the stadium to its feet by moving the ball to the HI two-yard line. There, Hutchinson punched it in to make the score 27-28 for his fourth touchdown of the night. The PAT conversion was blocked allowing Hampton to steal the victory.

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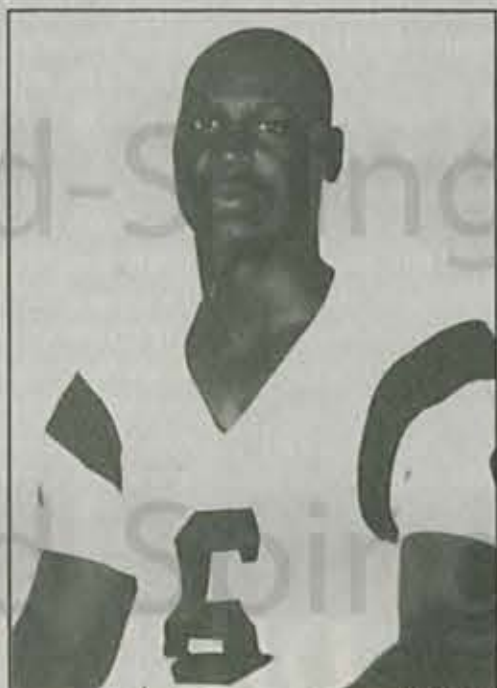
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Townsend's Got Next

By TYRONE McCANDIES
Hilltop Staff Writer

When Ted White finished his career as a Bison last season, he left the Howard University community with a lifetime of memories. Many people believed the offense was going to bog down without White's capable arm and leadership. People even look at the possibility of Howard having to run the entire game.

Well, the Bison have been able to run the ball a lot more, but there's a new gun slinger leading the offense. His name is Bobby Townsend. Townsend, the 6-foot-4-inch junior from San Angelo, Texas is giving fans something to cheer about, with his steady play. In his first start against 21st-ranked Jackson State, he helped lead the Bison back from a 21-point halftime deficit to get within a touchdown. Although



File Photo
Bison quarterback Bobby Townsend takes the reins of the Howard offense.

Howard went on to lose, Townsend served notice to the country that the Bison offense is still as potent as its ground game.

The business management major has proven to the coaching staff that he can manage the offense by passing for 303 yards in his debut. In 1996, after a storied career in high school, he was red-shirted and had to sit back and watch White break record after record.

"I had to wait three years to finally get my chance to play," said Townsend.

Although he was naturally nervous about following Ted White, Townsend said Jackson State actually played the way he wanted them to play. The Tigers crowded the box, forcing him to beat them with the pass. As a quarterback (especially a competitive QB like Townsend), this is what you live for. After a slow first half, which he credited to jitters and confusing coverages, he promptly lit the Tigers up the entire second half.

"Everything slowed down for me in the second half," Townsend said.

Being the new man was uneasy for him, he said, but got better after Omar Evans walked up to him before the game and said "We believe in you." The team vote of confidence helped the junior settle down and take control of things on the field.

While Bobby was waiting for a chance to play in past seasons, he helped the Bison win in other ways. Townsend played receiver during his sophomore season.

"Seeing the offense from the receiver perspective helped me more when I finally got out there," said Townsend.

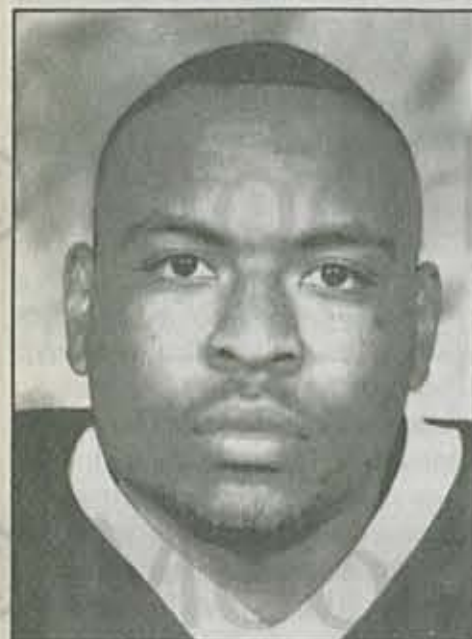
The soft-spoken junior credits his coaching staff for giving him the opportunity to play, his offensive line, and the defense's strong belief in him. His goal for the season is to not start slow and play in more of an attack mode. He wants the seniors that came in with him to leave with the sweet taste of postseason play in their mouths.

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Jenkins Starts at Strong Safety in St. Louis' 27-10 Victory in Season Opener

By WILLIAM BRYANT



Billy Jenkins, Jr.

The St. Louis Rams defeated the Baltimore Ravens 27-10 in front of a sellout crowd at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis, Mo. Former Howard University and current St. Louis Rams strong safety Billy Jenkins started his second straight season opener in the Rams victory over the Ravens.

It was a great win for the Rams who held the Ravens to 223 total yards and 13 first downs. The win proved that Jenkins has solidified himself as the best man to start at the strong safety position.

"I definitely think this is a great opportunity for me to start," he said. "I have worked very hard in the offseason. My maturity has shown on the field and I am just happy to have started against the Ravens."

When the Rams signed Devin Bush from the NFC Champion Atlanta Falcons, several local sportswriters put Bush in the starting role without expecting much competition from Jenkins. Despite their lack of support, Jenkins looks at Bush's arrival as a blessing in disguise.

"Bringing Devin to St. Louis in the offseason made me step up my level of play," he said. "The competition for the starting safety position brought out the best of me. I am happy that the Rams coaching staff gave me a fair chance to compete for the job," said Jenkins.

Having started the season opener last year due to an injury to then Rams' strong safety Toby Wright, Jenkins expressed his belief that he received the chance to start this season based on merit.

"I played well in the preseason and the Rams coaching staff gave me the starting job," he said.

Jenkins feels that anyone who wants his starting position will have to take it from him. As the Rams opening-day starter, Jenkins is focused on continuing his aggressive style of defense. Hopefully, he will lead St. Louis in tackles for a second consecutive season.

"Last year, I was worried about not messing up and doing my assignments on the field when I played," Jenkins said. "This year, I feel more comfortable because I have so many starts under my belt. I am happy because one of my goals before the season was to start this year because several people expected someone else to start in my position."

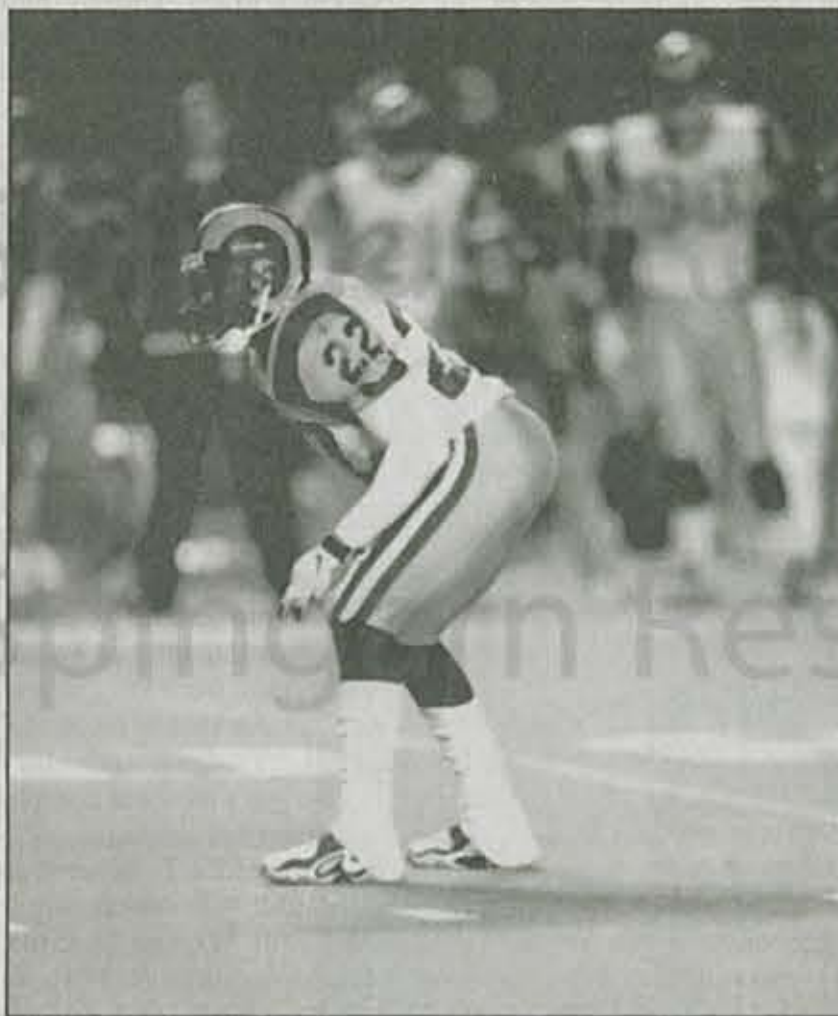
After the game, a reporter asked Jenkins about his pass covering skills against tight ends. Jenkins felt the criticism he has received has been unjustified.

"Most of the people reporting the news do not have an understanding of the defensive schemes that the Rams run," Jenkins said. "They blame me because the tight end

catches the ball on the strong side. I am on the strong side and end up making the tackle. However, it looks like I messed up on the coverage assignment."

Despite Jenkins' success in the Rams' victory over the Ravens, he was saddened by the news that three former Bison players from last year, QB Ted White (Kansas City Chiefs), DT Marques Douglas (Baltimore Ravens) and CB Chris Rogers (Minnesota Vikings) did not make their respective teams final 53-man roster. However, each player was assigned to their respective club's five-man practice squad, which allows them to practice every day with the team, and still receive paychecks from their respective organizations.

Rogers did not miss a game and went 30-15 in his four-year career with Howard. As a sophomore, Rogers covered current Vikings teammate and 1998 NFL Rookie of



Former Howard Player Billy Jenkins starts this season for the St. Louis Rams as a strong safety.

the Year Randy Moss with a cast on his hand and gave up six inches of height but he held Moss to three catches in the game and one score.

Rogers' allocation to the Vikings' practice squad was a devastating jolt to Jenkins. When Minnesota originally made final roster cuts on September 5, Rogers had made the Vikings' final roster. Jenkins was happy for his fellow and former Bison teammate when he heard the news. Jenkins played with Rogers for two seasons during his Bison career.

"Chris had a lot of talent and great speed during his years at Howard. Without a doubt, Chris was a good athlete and I was real happy for Chris when I found out he made the Vikings final roster. I think he deserved the opportunity. Unfortunately, I have not seen Chris play during the last couple of years but I heard a lot of good things about him."

Unfortunately, Rogers' place on the Vikings final day roster was short lived. The following day, Minnesota signed Kevin Devine, a defensive back from the University of California who was released by the Cleveland Browns. Minnesota made room for Devine on the roster by releasing Rogers.

"I felt bad for Chris when I found out the Vikings had released him the following day. However, I did figure that Chris would get an opportunity to play somewhere else in the NFL."

Last Thursday, Rogers cleared waivers when he was not picked up by one of the 30 NFL teams and Minnesota signed him to their practice squad. While some current Howard students and staff see the Vikings' decision to release Rogers as a setback, Jenkins feels it is an opportunity for him to showcase his athletic ability and impress the Vikings' coaching staff.

"I do not think Chris or any other player from Howard or other university should take being on the practice squad as a setback in their careers," he said. "They will have an outstanding opportunity to show their skills on a daily basis. Practice squad players go head-to-head against the first-team offense or defense. In this case, Chris will go head-to-head against Minnesota's top three receivers (Randy Moss, Chris Carter and Jake Reed) which should develop his coverage skills. If they can show their talent against the starters then they can possibly turn some heads."

Although Rogers' place on the practice squad was surprising, Jenkins admits that White's place on the Kansas City Chiefs' practice squad was the biggest shock. White completed his career at Howard as the most prolific passer in Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) history.

"I think Ted was the biggest surprise to me out of all the Howard players," explained Jenkins. "I fully expected Ted to make the Chiefs 53-man roster. However, I do not know what is going on in Kansas City."

Although Howard's most celebrated quarterback did not get drafted and was placed on the Chiefs' practice squad.

When Marques Douglas signed as a free agent with the Baltimore Ravens, some experts felt that he lacked size and would not be an effective part of the Ravens' high-octane defense. Douglas completed his career as the second all-time sack leader in the MEAC with 39.5 sacks. He was a three-time first-team all-MEAC selection and earned all-American honors from The Sports Network during his senior season.

"It is unfortunate that I could not have seen Marques today because he is on the practice squad (practice squad players do not travel with the team)," said Jenkins. "Hopefully, we will have an opportunity to do that sometime in the near future. Although Marques is undersized, he makes up for his lack of size because he is a very strong player."

Jenkins also hopes that White, Douglas and Rogers take full advantage of playing in NFL Europe, a league that is supported by the NFL and develops some of the younger players in the NFL with hopes of landing on a NFL roster.

"Each one of their teams will probably allocate them to NFL Europe. In most cases, practice squad players go over there. I think that Chris, Ted and Marques might not have a choice but to play in NFL Europe," Jenkins said.

Another former Howard University player who was unsuccessful in making a NFL roster this season was Jose White, a defensive tackle who was released by the Tennessee Titans. Last year, White completed his second season with the Jacksonville Jaguars. In 1996, White spent time with four NFL teams, Minnesota, New Orleans, Jacksonville and the New York Jets. Although White is not on an opening day roster, Jenkins foresees his former teammate playing again in the NFL.

"Jose was a great football player at Howard," he said. "He was constantly doing things on the football field that made you say 'Wow.' He was just an extraordinary athlete for his size. People do not know that this man weighed 300 pounds. He was just an awesome athlete."

William Bryant is a 1998 MBA graduate of Howard University and will be providing weekly updates on Billy Jenkins. While at Howard, he worked under Edward Hill in the Sports Information Department. Upon graduating, he completed a seven-month internship with Super Bowl XXXII World Champion Denver Broncos. This past June, Bryant began full-time duties in the Rams' public relations department.

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Tennis Team Gets Off to Winning Start

By TERRA MCKINNEY
Hilltop Staff Writer

When last we checked in on the Howard University tennis team, it was just a few days before their first match of the season. The team began their season by participating in the Mount St. Mary's Invitational on September 10-13. The team held their ground as they competed in matches on Friday afternoon through Sunday morning.

The tennis team displayed their endurance, technique and skills during the tournament by placing first or second in many of the divisions. Teammates participated in the invitational according to their flight rank. The A, B, and C flights are consisted of levels distinguished by the rank of a player. The A flight competition includes players who are ranked first and second on the team. The B flight competition includes members of the team who are ranked third and fourth, and the C flight competition includes competitors ranked fifth and sixth on the team.

"I was pleased with the work and effort given during this tournament. They are coming along very well," said head coach Larry Strickland. "It was our first match of the season, and we are where I expected us to be. The men's team did as well as we could expect. We only had four players due to major injuries, but

they played very well."

Despite the lack of players on the men's team due to injuries, players Chad Hamilton, Jason Jackson, Jahmar Stephens, and Nick Askew made significant contributions. Hamilton placed first in the A flight division and Jackson



Erin Adams returns serve during Mount St. Mary's Invitational on Monday.
Mark Coleman

placed first in the C flight constellations. Stephens had a strong showing in the constellations division. Askew participated in the men's singles semi-finals against Morgan State University.

The women's team proved their competitiveness, placing first and second in many of the matches. Ekaterina Okpala

won the B flight competition. Erin Adams placed first in the C flight competition, and Lamia Alami placed first in the A flight singles. Okpala and women's team captain Lamia Alami defeated Adams and Tiffany Speas in the flight doubles.

"We played okay for the first competition of the year, but there is still a lot of work to be done to prepare us for the MEAC championship," said Speas. Speas also placed second in the A flight competition.

"We played really well, there was a lot of intensity on the court, and support from teammates who off the court," said Nick Askew.

The intense practice the team endured during the preseason paid off on the court against the competition.

"There weren't as many teams this year in the tournament, but we did see some competition from Wagner and Morgan State in the men's division," said Strickland. "DuCane and Mary Washington also gave us some competition in the women's division."

"We were definitely better than anyone else," said Lamia Alami.

Teams from Wagner, DuCane, Loyola, Mary Washington, Morgan State, Mount St. Mary's, and Howard competed in the invitational.

Hopefully, the tennis team's effort, intensity, solidarity, and enthusiasm will continue throughout the entire season.

Student Athlete
of the Week

By NIECY CAIN
Hilltop Staff Writer

Lauren Pruitt, a sophomore International Business major and goalkeeper for the women's soccer team, has been named Student Athlete of the Week.

Ever since the fourth grade, Lauren Pruitt has been a force to be reckoned with on the soccer field. She has played with all-boys soccer teams and knows firsthand about being the only minority (whether as a female or a black player) on the team.

As her players make their way up the field, she stands at one end of the field in her yellow jersey, black pants, and Adidas Sambas with her arms gently swaying by her side. Pruitt is Howard University's versatile goalie.

In high school, Pruitt played both soccer and basketball for Eleanor Roosevelt High school in Prince Georges County, Md. Playing both sports have undoubtedly helped to her ability catch anything coming her way. She came to Howard because she wanted to play for an all African-American team.

"We are the first All-African American women's soccer team in the nation," she said with pride. But her stature isn't the

only thing that can intimidate opponents. When she gives her intense icy glare to opponents at the coin-toss circle, watchers get the feeling she is sizing them up, daring them to look away first.

Pruitt won three conference champi-



Women's Soccer goalkeeper Lauren Pruitt.
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onships in high school, averaging 0.5 goals scored on her per game. She was captain of the team, Most Valuable Player, and was selected to the All-County, League, State and Metropolitan teams. She hates to lose.

"It's one of the worst feelings in the world," she said. "People may look at

our record (0-3), but our record doesn't say everything. People must keep in mind that we are a growing program and can do nothing but get better."

She has several superstitions but believes it is bad luck to disclose them. She did say that they "change from game to game." But she always combs throughout the stands to look for her mother's face in the bleachers.

"I love when my mom is there," Pruitt said. "I notice when she is late or doesn't attend, but I stay focused on what is going happening on the field."

Linda Browne, Lauren's mom, said "Everyone that has coached her says that she is extremely versatile because she can play any position on the field. Lauren is a very pensive player and is constantly thinking on the field, she's is aware of what is going on."

Freshman recruit Erinn Garner agreed. "Lauren has a distinct presence on the field and I have total trust and confidence in her when she is in the goal," she said. "She's definitely the most skilled goalie I have ever seen."

Pruitt is also talented and gifted in the classroom. She maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.82.

In her spare time she entertains herself by playing NBA Live and race car games on her Sony Playstation. She will play against anyone who wants to challenge her, regardless of whether the battle is on the soccer field or at the video controls.

"It's one of the worst feelings in the world," she said. "People may look at them," said Tucker after the game. "It is nice to get it back when it counts. We always have a great battle with Towson."

The Bison will be looking to keep the momentum rolling next week. They have a home game against the Colonials of George Washington University. "[GWU] is still rebuilding and they are in their second year. We expect a tough battle from them," Tucker said.

George Washington is a young squad like the Felician team. After the GW game, the Booters will hit the road to lock horns with Jacksonville University. Jacksonville got into the second round of the NCAA tournament a year ago and return a experienced squad looking to go further this season. Jacksonville is very quick and athletic. Howard, being an independent (Howard left the Mid-Continent Conference after back-to-back championship seasons), can take a huge step towards a play-off berth with a win over a top-20 squad. Howard's record now stands at 1-1-1.

2 MINUTE DRILL

Hampton: Institute of What?

Howard University has a history behind it. With our distinguished list of alumni, we are considered "The Mecca" of black academia. That said, there are several historically black colleges and universities trying to live up to the Howard name. I'm not trying to take anything away from our sister schools, but this is Howard. There is no other place like it.

Now on to Hampton Institute, now Hampton University. There is no doubt Howard and Hampton are huge sports rivals. The Howard/Hampton Classic is evidence of that. Not to bring up bad memories, but our Bison lost 27-28, Hampton did not win that game, Howard lost it. But the team must move on.

After the game, Hampton players danced and hugged in the middle of the field like they were going to Disney World. I am not trying to "hate" on the Pirates, but they treated the game like it was somehow validation for their school. In reality, Howard University students could care less about Hampton. Although I do respect Hampton as an HBCU, I can't help but laugh at the school's attempt to assert their superiority over every other black college. Even on the school's website at www.hamptonu.edu, Hampton compares itself to Harvard, and brags that it is the most sought after HBCU for college-bound African-Americans. Howard does not have to do that. We know where we stand.

Winning games are important but resorting to putting down Howard is going too far. I often visit a web site called www.meacfans.com. The site serves as a forum for Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) fans to express support for their own team and dislike for other teams. Needless to say, some comments go way too far. Hampton fans have called Howard everything from "ghetto" to "Howard University." Of course, I had to defend my school. I countered with calling them "Snooty U," "Our Home by the Graveyard," and "Spanion U."

An incident between Howard and Hampton's cross-country teams validated my belief that Hampton has an inferiority complex. The two teams met in a cross-country meet dubbed The President's Cup. Controversy arose when a Hampton runner claimed he became lost on the course even though the two teams had a walk-through before the meet. The runner cut across the course and eventually came in fifth place, allowing Hampton to take home the medal. Later, the runner admitted to cutting through the course, but Hampton's coach shut him up and told the runner to get back on the bus.

Associate athletics director Deborah Johnson is the team's interim head coach. She did the right thing by avoiding an ugly and ignorant situation. The Hampton side called our fellow Howard students every curse word in the book. I guess beating Howard is so difficult that cheating is required to come out on top. This situation brings me to one main question: are these college-educated people?

That cross-country incident reminded me of an over-aggressive parent at a little league baseball game. In other words, it's not that deep to win a medal! Howard's women's team did well, however. Congratulations to them!

I must commend the team for keeping its poise in a hostile situation. That just goes to show you what Howard is made of: a student body full of strong-minded, charismatic individuals. Hampton took advantage of Howard not having a coach. They did not want a team without a coach to defeat them, I suppose. Just for the record, Hampton was founded one year later than Howard. They were also founded as Hampton Normal Agricultural School, later Hampton Institute. They did not become Hampton University until the mid-1980s. So, who is the "real HU?"

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By KEVIN D. STEWART AND KIMOTHY K. BROWN
Hilltop Editors

Last week, Kimothy Brown and Kevin Stewart were tied with one loss each. The one blemish was the one-point loss Howard suffered to the Hampton Pirates. Other than that, Brown and Stewart picked every other game correctly. Jackson State lost by 15 to Tennessee State and Prairie View actually won one game (so far) this season. Brown's season record is 12-2 and Stewart's record is 11-3. Here are our picks for week three of the black college football season. Again, we are not promoting gambling....unless!

Mr. Stewart: Howard +14 (28-14) over Bethune-Cookman
Mr. Brown: Howard +10 (30-10) over Bethune-Cookman

Mr. Stewart: Norfolk State (+3) 20-17 over Delaware State
Mr. Brown: Norfolk State (+4) 24-20 over Delaware State

Mr. Stewart: Tennessee State (+3) 33-30 over Florida A&M
Mr. Brown: Florida A&M (+6) 36-32 over Tennessee State

Mr. Stewart: Hampton +3 (27-24) over Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Mr. Brown: Hampton +11 (31-20) over Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Mr. Stewart: South Carolina State +14 (28-14) over Morgan State
Mr. Brown: South Carolina State +10 (24-14) over Morgan State

That is all for this week's installment of Sports Ticker. Until then, watch these games and see Kimothy Brown dominate the picks as usual!

Mr. Stewart: I guess...(that one is for you Alexis!)

Booters Get Back On Track

Men's Soccer Team Boots
Felician and Ties Towson

By TYRONE MCCANDIES
Hilltop Staff Writer

After dropping their first game of the season, the Booters defeated Felician University in a 2-0 shutout and tied the Towson University Tigers 2-2 in the Towson University Invitational. Despite the tie for the title, Towson took the crown with a higher goal differential.

During the first game, Howard faced a young Felician team. The Bison struck first with a goal by Darren Virtue, off a feed from Senai Chan in the 75th minute. The next minute, the Booters finished off Felician when Kevin Hilman found Damon Delgado for the final score. Nigel Burgess made six saves to keep Felician at bay for the entire game, eventually recording a shutout. Keith Tucker, Howard's head soccer coach, was very

pleased with his team's effort.

"Basically there were two young teams playing their hearts out in the sun," he said.

The Booters maintained their good play in the final, tying a very dangerous Towson squad 2-2 in overtime. The Bison played well against a more experienced Towson team. After Towson went up 1-0, Nigel Burgess deflected a Tiger penalty kick. Then, Darren Virtue came back with two assists, combining with Kamil Quander on Carlington Clarke's 20-foot blast to tie the game at one. Then Virtue combined with Damon Delgado to assist Edwin Chapman, who put the Booters ahead at 2-1.

Towson would eventually tie the game, sending it to overtime. Goalie Nigel Burgess stopped nine Tiger shots, including several in the early minutes when Towson tried to break the game open. The tie was the first Towson suffered since a 2-2 deadlock vs. Liberty in 1993.

"We were beaten pretty badly [by the Tigers] in the spring when we scrimmaged

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Life and Leisure at
Howard University

A Deep Rebuttal

By RACHEL HUNT
Hilltop Staff Writer

Only the pure at heart feel music to its core, not those who follow radio trends, friends and whatever songs bump at the club.

Rewind to last year's homecoming. A mixtape somehow ended up in circulation on HU's campus and on it was a gem called "Quiet Storm." The tape had people thirsting for a new Mobb Deep album.

Fast-forward to August '99 after three album delays, the alleged shooting of Ty-nitty and a leak of a earlier copy. Queen's prodigal sons bring it to us a fourth time with "Murda Muzik." The CD lets heads know once and for all that the Mobb is truly deep, serving up verses by Big Noyd, Nas, Cormega, Lil' Kim, Raekwon the chef, and others.

The Mobb does it so well, Prodigy makes Lil' Cease sound like more than just B.I.G.'s hype-man. Havoc once again blesses us with beats that only the Mobb can lace, while Prodigy reminds us verse after verse that he is one of the best and most underrated lyricists in hip hop. For those who continue to sleep on Havoc's skills, check "Let a Ho Be a Ho." Havoc explains the situation he is going through with a young lady, complete with a voice mail message.

Blessing "Murda Muzik" is the original "Quiet Storm" (the one that spawned the remix). Both songs bang you in the head with a classic Havoc beat, but the vocals keep you open from beginning to end. The original with "P" breaking down himself and his crew as being raw and uncut is banging. And the remix with Kim lets all other (Foxy Brown) female rappers have it, reminding listeners that the Notorious K.I. M is here to stay.

Right before the remix, Nasty Nas comes hard with the Scarface theme over yet another thumping Havoc beat. The Mobb even enlists help from the original down South player himself 8-Ball, dropping his love for the "dirty dirty" on "Where I'm From." Meanwhile, the godfather of gangsta rap Kool G Rap lets heads know that though he is camped out in Arizona, he can still spit the real lyrics.

Executive produced by the Mobb Deep and the Violator team of Jonathan "Lighty" Williams and "Baby" Chris Lighty, "Murda Muzik" once again proves why Mobb Deep is misunderstood, underrated and infamous.



TV Guide

"Dawson's Creek" star Katie Holmes plays a cashier with a serious appetite for fun in "Go."

Go

By BRIA TOLBERT
Hilltop Staff Writer

Starring: Katie Holmes, Taye Diggs, Sarah Polley, Scott Wolf, Desmond Askew
Grade: A-

What happens when "Swingers" director Doug Liman crosses "Dawson's Creek" with "Pulp Fiction"? The answer: a hip, gutsy rollercoaster ride entitled "Go."

Similar to the "Pulp Fiction" format, "Go" shows the events of one long Christmas Eve in Los Angeles and Las Vegas from several of the characters' view points.

Instead of starting at the beginning of the story, Liman begins the film in the mid-plot, gradually unfolding the storyline. Similar to puzzle piece, the loopy structure provides a great deal of fun as each story fills in the blanks from proceeding stories.

The plot focuses mainly around three teenage employees of Sons Supermarket: Ronna (Sarah Polley), an impoverished, irritable blond, her more amiable friend Claire (Katie Holmes) and Simon (Desmond Askew), a lustful, obnoxious Brit who convinces Ronna to take his weekend shift so he can join his friends on a road trip to Las Vegas. Soap opera actors Adam (Scott Wolf) and Zack (Jary Mohr), after being caught in possession of drugs, are forced to participate in a drug sting. Although their plan is to catch Simon in the act of dealing, Ronna, being desperately short on rent money and facing eviction, agrees to find Simon's dealer herself and score for them.

The story evolves into high-speed chases, witty humor, and intense sexual encounters. "Go" is as witty as it is action-packed. Funny, sexy, tense and a completely original take on old material, "Go" is a real winner.

Howard Gets Taste Of Music Industry

Two Day Event Included Panel Discussion and Fashion Show/Concert

By JOHN-JOHN WILLIAMS IV
Tempo Editor

It was as close to old school Howard that you could get. Major recording artists, music executives, and the "who's-who" of the industry converged on Cramton Auditorium for two days of entertainment and education on Sept. 9-10.

Howard graduate and president/founder/CEO of University Music Entertainment, A. Haqq Islam and friends, led the arsenal of wisdom during the black music panel discussion on the first day. The black music panel featured some of the biggest names in the industry. Executives like Jheryl Busby of Dreamworks and Kenny Gamble of Philadelphia International joined A. Haqq Islam and others to share their experiences, triumphs and tribulations in the music industry.

After the panel reminisced and educated the audience, it was the audience's turn to take the mic. Questions ranged from whether Puff Daddy was true hip-hop to inquiries concerning career decisions. Some audience members felt that some of the questions from the audience were trite and redundant.

"Some of what [students] had to say was good," said Tania Chess, a junior telecommunications major and college marketing representative for Atlantic Records. "But some of the questions were redundant and could have been avoided if you would have paid attention to what [the panel] was saying. We are the Mecca. I expected more challenging and thought-provoking questions."

Some students made excellent impressions on the panelists as well as the crowd.

A female Howard trio by the name of Rhapsodi came up with an unusual way to promote themselves. During the question and answer period, they decided to sing to the panel.

"Are you ready for this?" the songstress asked. The group then began to sing a soulful song that brought the house down.

"We didn't have a demo, so we had to sing," said group member Sparkle Mitchell, a 20-year-old music education junior. "We were nervous about the repercussions. We didn't know if they would cut us off or make us leave."

Mitchell said that after the show, some panelists showed interest in working with them in the future. "It [the singing] was something they'll remember," Mitchell said.

At the end of the evening, anxious artists-in-waiting rushed the stage to give the panelists demo tapes and business cards. The scene was described as a "mob scene" by some audience members. But for Mitchell and her fellow group members, their boldness paid off.

"The executives were looking for us afterwards," Mitchell said proudly.

The next day, Cramton was transformed from a venue of education to a venue of entertainment. It was a chance for students to see some of the finished products from the music business.

Some of the hottest artists in the music industry were in attendance. Mya, Sisqo (Dru Hill), Steph Luva (New York's Hot 97), Terry Dexter, Lil' Cease, Nino Brown (Foxy's brother), Sole and a few names in between made an appearance at the hip-hop fashion show/concert.



Photos by Troy Tieuel

Detroit native Terry Dexter was one of the many artists who performed at University Music Entertainment's fashion show/concert on Friday, Sept. 10 in Cramton Auditorium.

With Steph Luva hosting and DJ Clue mixing, the crowd fanned up. Terry Dexter took the stage and gave a banging performance. The Detroit native proved that she wasn't just another pretty face and smile. Her voice didn't disappoint, setting the mood for the rest of the evening.

"Terry Dexter sounded good live," Chess said.



Photo by Troy Tieuel

Sole, Bobbi Bossalini (left) and Sisqo (right) of Dru Hill tore up the stage at the hip hop fashion show/concert.

The Howard Bisonettes took the stage, dancing to Jay-Z's "Jigga." After they got the crowd pumped up, Sisqo made his entrance. Dru Hill's lead singer rolled and flipped across the stage, causing many of the females in the audience to start screaming.

University Music Entertainment recording artist Mya came on stage, corn-rows and all, and showcased her dancing talent. She performed a tap dance number that impressed many audience members.

MTV "Road Rules" star and Howard student Ayanna Mackins made an enthusiastic cameo appearance. Between her and Sisqo, the stage was filled with major positive energy.

Next, it was time for some of the hottest clothing lines to showcase their funky threads. Pelle Pelle, Karl Kani and Fubu draped over the "perfect" bodies of Howard models. Many of the behind-the-scenes work was done by Howard students also.

Margaret Kargbo, a 20-year-old, international business marketing major, was assigned to be Dexter's dresser for the concert.

"I had to make sure that all of her clothes were set and had to help her change in between sets," Kargbo said.

It was a stressful experience Kargbo said, but it was worthwhile.

"It was fun," Kargbo said, "You got to sit back and talk with [the artists]."

Meanwhile, back on stage, Kansas City rapper Sole and fellow rapper Bobbi Bossalini took the stage, showing the crowd how the ladies do it. Sole, a mother of two, showed why she is creating a major buzz in the industry. And newcomer Bossalini proved that she is not only just a successful choreographer for artists like Mary J. Blige. She is definitely ready to take center stage.

After a long wait that got the crowd restless, Lil' Cease finally arrived. For the first time all night, the crowd stood and cheered during an artist's performance. Hits like "Get Money," "Crush On You," and "Playa's Anthem" got the crowd reminiscing in a familiar groove. The result was a roaring cheer. Everyone was bobbing their heads to the music. Then, Cease busted out with his new hit "Play Around."

It was a fitting ending to a fine event.

MAXWELL'S HOUSE

By **MONIQUE STEPHENS**
Hilltop Staff Writer

Virginia Commonwealth University's Landmark Theatre just held the concert of the year. On September 8, Maxwell gave a dynamic performance in Richmond, Va., leaving a lasting impression on his audience.

Maxwell is a man considered expert at providing satisfaction to the ladies. His lyrics indicate that he has a deeper understanding of women than most men. Unlike other male artists, he does not complain about the faults of women in relationships in his songs. His songs are not filled with apologies or repentances for his own wrong-doing either. Maxwell songs are from the soul of a man who knows all the right things to do in a relationship. Only Maxwell could invent lines like those in his new song, "Wanna Get To Know You." "They can give you roses, but you like your roses blue/They're tryin' to get in your pants, but I'm tryin' to get into you."

In typical Maxwell-style, he put all of his energy into the performance. All the ladies at the concert seemed to have a taste for Maxwell in their mouths and they were not disappointed. His seductive, distinctive voice brought pleasure to the female concert-goers, while showing the males how to be both romantic and masculine.

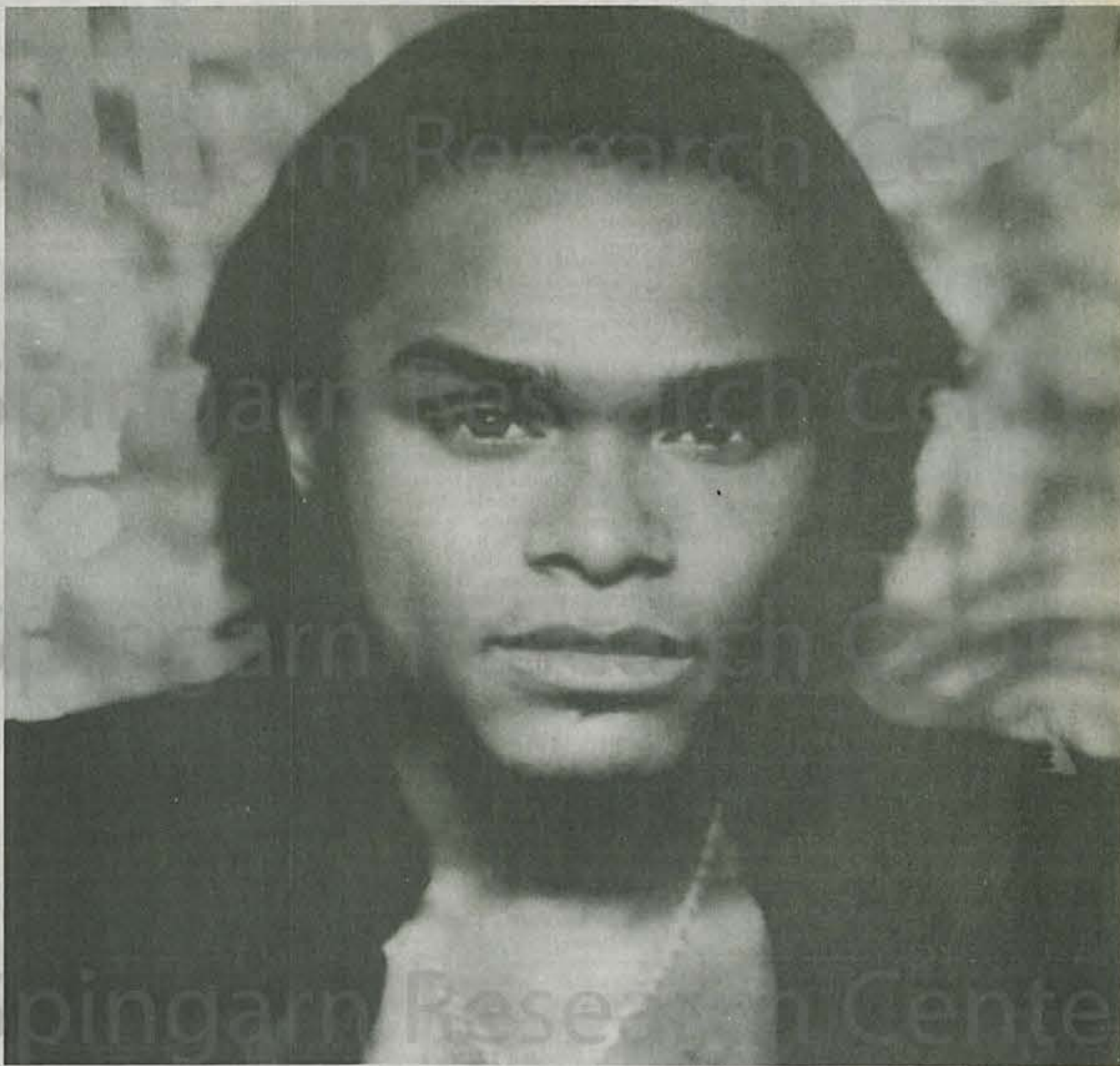
Maxwell sang songs from his first CD, the *Urban Hang Suite*, as well as his most recent album, *Embrya*. He opened the performance on a stage filled with red and green lava lamps, singing a little "Something Something."

Despite not having studio acoustic assistance, Maxwell sounded very professional. His voice ranged from a deep baritone to his acclaimed falsetto as he effortlessly switched notes without any cracks or hesitations in his voice. Maxwell was dressed in a white tank, white linen pants, and a white beanie. He changed later into a leather and jeans.

Besides singing favorites like "Cococure" and "'Til the Cops Come Knocking," Maxwell took time to speak to the audience. As he spoke to his fans, it became evident he had not let fame and fortune affect his ego. Maxwell shared his belief that he wasn't any better than anyone else and his perception of his music career as merely a way to pay bills and put food on the table. He said that other men should not envy him, and spoke of his former job at Pizza Hut.

His "A job, is a job, is a job" viewpoint revealed his down-to-earth personality to the audience, who showed their appreciation for his mentality with enthusiastic applause. He even invited two female listeners from the upper tiers of the balcony to sit in reserved front-row seats, giving each a rose.

The concert ended with a 10-minute standing ovation, as the audience cried for an encore. Not one to disappoint his audience, Maxwell returned with five songs, including "Fortunate" and "Ascension." His generous attitude toward his fans and strong seductive voice made his dynamic performance worth the hype.



Brooklyn native Maxwell recently performed in Richmond and brought the house down. It was truly Maxwell's House

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MAWSLOT'S ALBUM ASSESSMENT

By **MAWSLOT**
Special To The Hilltop

Artist: The Beatnuts
Album: *A Musical Massacre*
Production: The Beatnuts
Featured Artists: Common, Dead Prez, Biz Markie, Greg Nice, Cuban Link and Triple Seis (Terror Squad), and more!
Assessment: A-

For those familiar with Corona Queens natives Psycho Les and Ju-Ju Gigante, members of the hip-hop duo The Beatnuts, this review is an acknowledgement of their hard work over the last eight years. However, for those not privy to who The Beatnuts are or what they represent, please allow Mawslot to embellish.

The Beatnuts have become renowned for producing some of the phattest, illest, and purest hip-hop tracks ever since their debut EP *Intoxicated Demons*. Though what they do is no different than what fellow hip-hop producers DJ Premier and Pete Rock do, it's the Beatnuts lewd, rude and somewhat crude style of song writing that distinguishes them as a hip-hop entity. Never really praised for their lyrics, even when former Beatnut Al Tariq was in the group, Les and Ju-Ju are essentially what their name says: beat nuts!

Time has helped polish the duo's lyrical skills. Both Les and Ju-Ju deliver some of their best verses ever on the new album. On "Slam Pit," featuring Common, arguably Chi-town's best emcee, as well as Terror Squad's metaphorical matador Cuban Link, Ju-Ju (the lyrically stronger of the duo) is able to keep up with the aforementioned emcees in what is a sureshot mixtape banger. Les, though the weaker lyricist of the duo, possesses a perverted yet comedic style which amuses listeners of Story 2000.

Though the Beatnuts occasionally spit memorable lines, the beats are what make this album a must-get. Hip-hop heads will find walkman material in tracks such as "Beatnuts Forever" and "Cocotaso" featuring Puerto Rican DJ/MC/Breaker Tony Touch, while club-loving hip-hoppers will enjoy blasting current singles "Watch Out Now" and "Muchachacha."

The Beatnuts deviate from their raunchy style on the socially conscious track "Look Around" which features R&B singer Cheryl "Pepsi" Riley and label-mates Dead Prez. There is something for everyone on this balanced well-produced album. With the mainstream notoriety they gained from their '97 headbanger "Off The Books," combined with the good response from their "flute-looped" current single, "Watch Out Now" and a recent, beneficial label change to Loud Records, it seems The Beatnuts are poised to stay around. Psycho Les and Ju-Ju, you guys still get props over here.

OTHER ALBUMS ASSESSED:

Artist: Various
Album Title: *In Too Deep* (sound track)
Production: Various
Assessment: C+

The album starts strong with tracks by Nas and Nature, Redman and Method Man, and Queens prodigy Ali Vegas. However, remaining tracks waver between being decent collaborations and plain filler songs. But for album highlights, peep out the two songs from Mobb Deep including "The Quiet Storm" remix featuring Lil' Kim.

Artist: Coko
Album Title: *Hot Coko*
Production: Rodney Jerkins, BAM, JayD, Bink Dog (from Puffy's Hitmen), Damon Thomas and Michael Powell
Featured Artists: Eve, Tyrese
Assessment: B

The former frontwoman of SWV has a winner with her debut album, "Hot Coko." Fans of Coko's voice will enjoy hearing it garnish soulful tracks produced by Rodney Jerkins, who has made hits for Brandy, Mary J. Blige and Jennifer Lopez. Brian Alexander Morgan produced the hot track "Triflin'," featuring Ruff Ryder's first lady Eve. Though the album has a good blend of upbeat songs and slow ballads, the content is hackneyed and Coko's voice can become monotonous after awhile.

MAWSLOT'S HIP-HOP PICK OF THE WEEK:

"Homefield Advantage"
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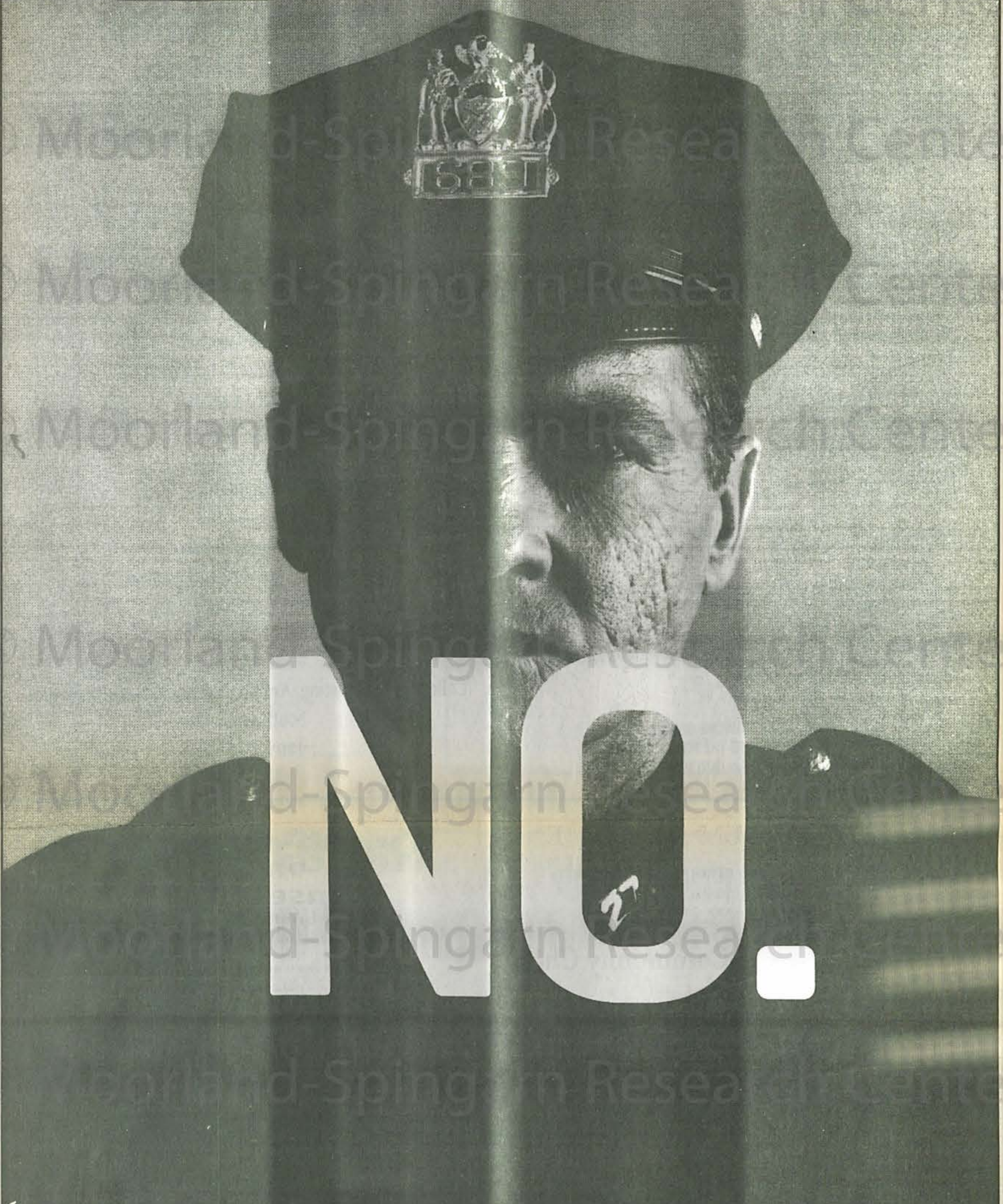
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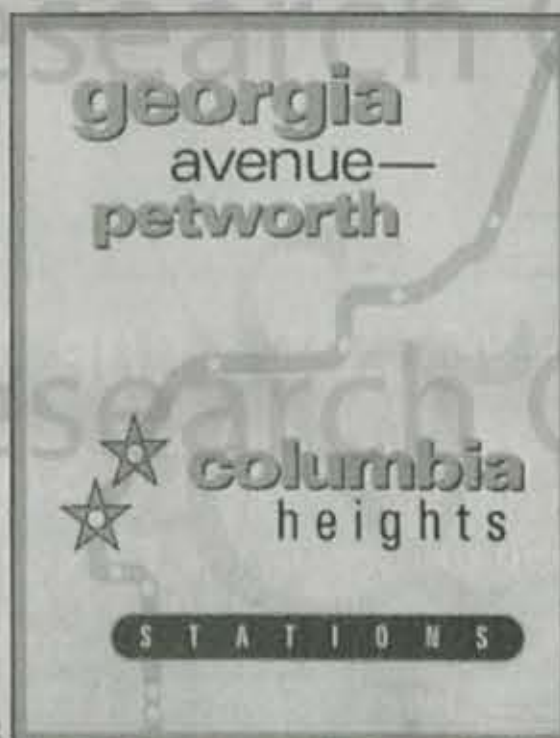
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The purpose of *If These Walls Could Talk* is to give peer advice to individuals seeking assistance with problems in their love, social, and academic lives. This column is solely for entertainment purposes.

Q. Dear Rosy & Kia B.,

I had sex with this upperclassman guy I thought I was in love with. For a moment, I thought he loved me too. We had been going out for less than two weeks when I had sex with him. I haven't heard from him since. I see him regularly on the Yard and he acts as if nothing happened between us. My question to you is, did I do something wrong? Am I a slut for sleeping with a guy I barely knew? I just wanted him to like me. I need help.

Hopeless @ HU

A.

Rosy:

Well you have one thing right: you need help. There is no easy way to tell you this but ... my mama always told me if it looks like a pigeon, walks like a pigeon and strips all week to go clubbing ... you know the rest.

Kia B.:

That is not exactly true. Your first mistake was believing you were in love in less than two weeks and sharing yourself with someone you barely knew. Now there is not a problem with what you did, but obviously you got in too deep. Now you feel bad because ol' boy didn't return the feelings you thought were mutual. You might feel the need to confront him and discuss what happened.

Rosy:

If you are still emotionally attached to this guy (like you probably are), then approach him if you must. But you might be wasting your time. Pick up your face and move on. Next time, get to know the person before jumping in the bed with them. Like Kia B. always says, "No limits, no guarantees, no regrets."

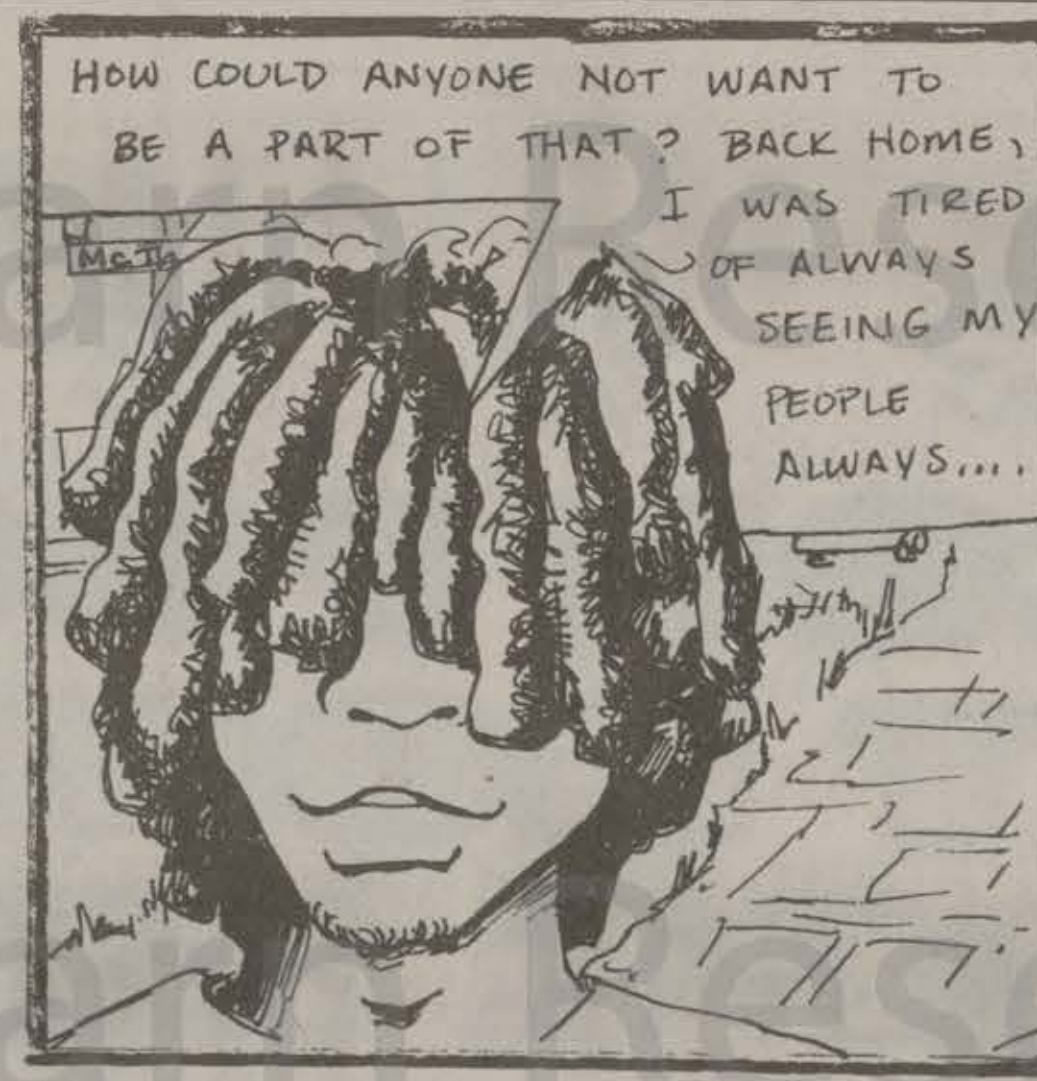
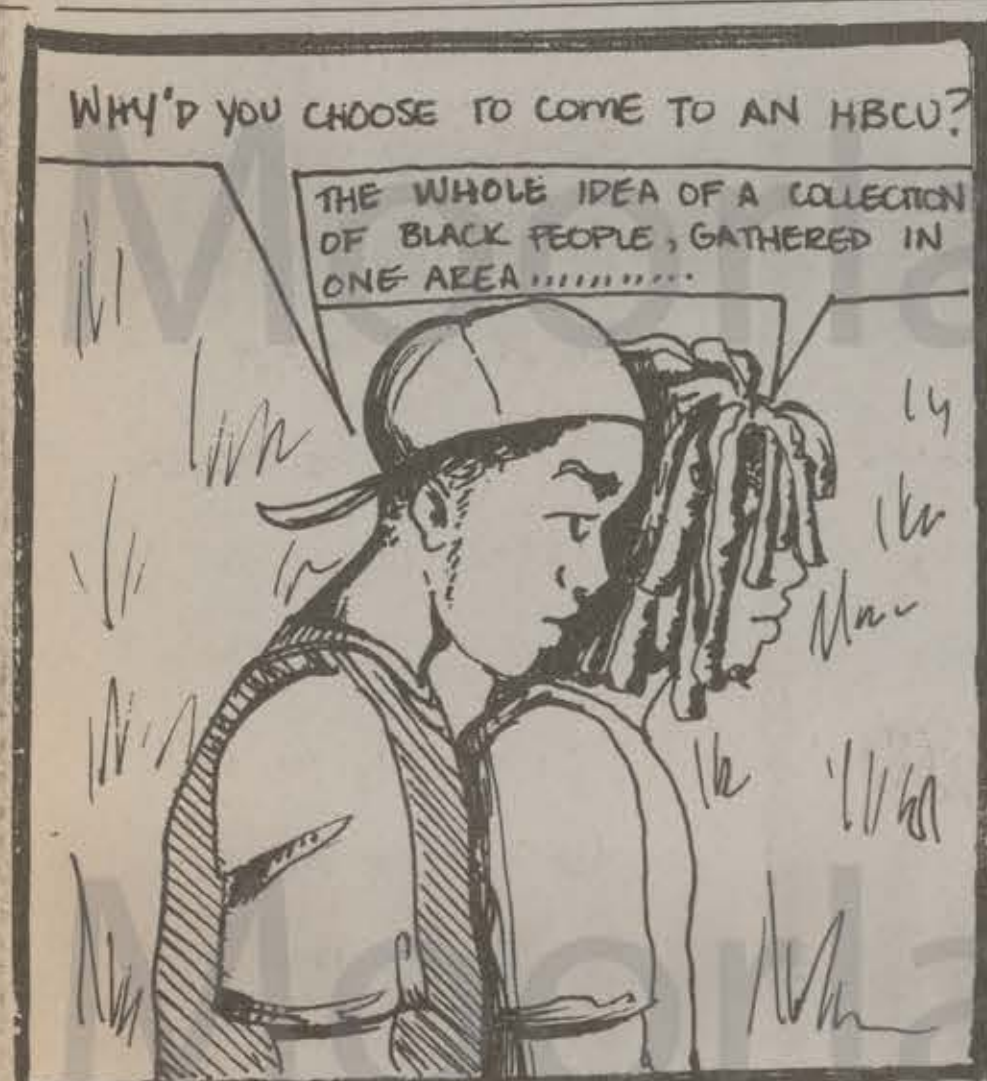
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THE LOWDOWN

1. Why is beggin' Grandma back to her old tricks infront of KFC?
2. Did she read The Hilltop last week?
3. Is everyone validated yet? Are there still people waiting in line?
4. Why is it that no one has a hard time getting into the Towers except for those who live there? Residents have to give security three forms of ID and a blood test to get in.
5. What's up with these ghetto sophomores turning the Towers into the PJ's? Wait, it already looked like Good Times. My bad.
6. Why on Earth would anyone wait twentysomething years to lose their virginity to Steve Urkel on the new show "Grown Ups"?
7. What's up with Martin Lawrence having a heat stroke? Next time Martin just say no.
8. What's up with Mase going to Clark Atlanta and majoring in business? Everyone knows he should be a speech therapy major. (Why does everyone say I talk so s-l-o-w?)
9. Why is the "B" Section of The Hilltop the bomb? They've got a tight staff.
10. What was up with that article about Sarah Jessica Parker entitled "Sexual Vanilla" in the last VIBE?

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The LAST Word

360 Degrees: FOR BROTHAS ONLY!!

By BRANDI FORTE
LAST WORD EDITOR

Dear Black Brotha Lost,

How are you? Well I am fine just in case you cared. I just want you to know how much I admire you, love you, and respect you, but I have a couple of things to address to the politician, athlete, thug, artists, brother and father.

First, to the Activist whatever happened to the cause worth fighting for? Do you honestly think saving Ethnic Albanians is more important than rescuing brothas in America who are faced with a judicial system that fails them 90% of the time? And before you respond why should we keep you as mayor when you a part of the problem that you claim you are trying to destroy. In Washington DC alone, your children are raising themselves, drugs plague your community and your churches are just a platform for you to give corny speeches on why you are such a house n\$\$\$a. You pay your tithes, give love gifts to the Nation of Islam just to keep protection from your own self destruction. You are pitiful and I know you know you are very much accountable for the regression of blacks economical-



ly, socially, and politically.

Why have a Caucus, when caucus is the root word of Caucasian, and would you say that is an oxymoron and self-contradiction of everything that you stand for. And next time you pass legislation on something that affects all of us, think about the repercussions of a movement dead before your own eyes.

Secondly, to the Thug. Thug Life is dead. As a matter of fact Tupac deeded that way of life in 1994, but of course you had to carry the drama into the next decade. Now why sell drugs, gangbang, still, kill, and destroy for the sake of a self-proclaimed image? I know if Malcolm, Carmichael, Nat Turner, Frantz Fanon, or even your great-great grandfather was alive he would slap you dead in the face. You are no different then the swine that you say you don't eat. You are no different then Hitler, or Bush, and you got a lot of nerve feeling sorry for yourself. You are greedy, get a job, never mind that, develop a system that will help you and your community.

Why introduce the generation under you to a way of life that is responsible for genocide of brothas and sistas who never deserved to die? Remember you are not an Italian, Jew, or Colombian, you are the indigenous man, long before the Native American, long before the Scarface life you glorify. Wakeup!!

Third, I would like to address the Athletes who gross billions of dollars for Nike, Reebok, Tommy and for your white wives. How come you never give a shout out to your mama, or to all the babymamas that are responsible for your success. Did you forget that you are black? I resent the fact that you are responsible for

why black boys and men sell drugs, rob, and kill for \$80 sneakers that are named after you. Enough of buying up starbucks, movie theaters in the hood, and sed-dity restaurants in Beverly Hills. Why don't you buy bookstores, drug rehabilitation programs, institutions for higher learning, half of the media that your nemesis owns, and finally a speech class so that you can learn you to become a spokesperson for black people and not another Sambo? Why wait to get rich, to give your wealth to a white woman when you can invest in a sista who will keep you grounded culturally, physically, socially and spiritually?

Fourthly, I want to speak to all artists who go gold, platinum, and multi-platinum, stop settling for less. Forget opening a record entity, buy up distribution companies so that you won't get cheated. I know eating is a must, but your soul is more important than your stomach, and why be a poster child for foolishness. And next time you purchase ice, and a designer label, think about the hungry children in your community or a ghetto nearby you that want to eat just like you. Actually a bowl of oatmeal or a cheeseburger would be helpful to somebody, even a Howard student. Oh and before I end the conversation, think about your mama when you call the next sista a chickenhead, pigeon, bit@@ or hoe. Sticks and stones may break your bones, but the reality is that words hurt, and so do phat beats.

To my brother, my wishes are that you don't mock the things that I just addressed. MTV, BET, and most films are bad for your own development. Challenge yourselves more than you do on a daily basis. Think for

yourself, become a leader, and when you look into the mirror give yourself some love. If a sista craps on your heart, get over it, besides good things come to those who wait. Solomon had 1001 wives, and was still unhappy, yet he was the wisest man on Earth, think about it. By the way Ecclesiastes is a better book to read, it has more wisdom than "Art of War." And please don't get the truth mixed up with a sugar coated lie because false prophecies lurk the land, I am praying that you learn "whose you are" as a child of The Most High, and not "who you are" to those who could care less about your extinction.

Lastly, daddy wherever you may be, dead, living or docile, I miss you. I wish that you would reclaim your manhood, your leadership role in the community, your warrior characteristics as a protector, and your wisdom as a black man. It hurts when you leave a sista every time you get scared. I understand you have flashbacks of slavery, but no one can take you from your family, but yourself. Free your mind, your spirit, and the curse that has plagued our generation for a hundred years.

It is 1999 now, and I pray that you will come to grips that I forgive you for being absent. But more than ever I need your help, cause I keep looking for a husband, but I keep running into you. There is another half that I need to understand, there is a peace in my spirit that I need, come home.

Sincerely,

Black Woman Found

Knowledge, Wisdom, and Understanding

pale smoke

Through my life I have been viewed
In a negative way
The viewing of my peers
The viewing of individuals
The viewing of society
My mouth have always been
Marinated in my love for GOD
My true father.
On my journey to find my true passion
From hate to love,
Anger burns inside, I want to do right,
But all this world knows is wrong.
My mother the queen of my foundation
I WILL WIPE AWAY YOUR TEARS
BECAUSE I SAW YOU SUFFER IN THIS CRUEL
WORLD
GOD HEARD YOUR SWEET TEARS
As your soul reminds you to stay strong
I witness you go 7 days, and even
happiness was against you!
But disregard the mental struggle
Because the physical struggle still exist.
Me....
Well yesterday's mentality said,
"Where's Daddy?"
But the child who had, envisioned I happy
home
And a father of my own has died, murdered
annihilated
Burned
from my
soul

Gary Azad Steele

Marvin

Marvin sings,
Marvin sings me a song-
Ringing rhetoric and ritualistic rhapsodies all day long.
No matter how bad I look, 'always has a compliment for me.
"You sure is sweet," he speaks as he takes a peak,
Sweat dripping, lip licking, I, 18, he, 73.
'Tries to sneak a grasp of my ___ as I proceed to pass for class,
What could he possibly want from me?
I ignore those comments which I cannot endure-
Yet, still, Marvin sings. Marvin sings me a song.
Hot and cold rich summer sweat to winter icicle tears.
He's still standing to pour those messages in my college ears.
Marvin sings, the Black man on the street.
In young form to the old norm,
Yelling cat-calls to us all.
Marvin's song has never changed
through all of my adolescent to present days.
Just how is the Black man's greeting game played?
What part of I does he recognize,
The loved less and loveless-
The high-queen to mediocrest
Ghetto-boogie-jungle-bunny to pampered bourgeoisie.
He never seems to stop noticing me.
In high-heels or thong sandals flat
Flat derriere or back-packed with fat back
Au natural or all made-up
He doesn't deem to care as much.
'Mysterious how the Black man's eyes
Can find beauty in those whose beauty has gone unrealized.
Marvin sings to me, his song un-rearranged
Appreciates my presence,
When will and will he ever change?
Marvin sings. He stays,
I stay the same.

Monique Stephens

HIPHOP QUOTABLE

"...I defeat attitudes with psychological aptitude, basically barrage your nervous system until your brain protrudes. My biology is immune to your tricknology; my logic explodes mythology and refutes false philosophy. Nubian Kemet-ic inceptions aid in defiance of your deceptions, aborting the fetuses of your malevolent aspirations...The way i figure, your physical serves as fetters; maybe if you lost your arms you could probably feel me better..."

--IMhotep

fallen angels

It was like we just lost our way
It was yesterday.
Perched brazenly on drew wall, handsome gargoyles
Our mothers' only sons.
Head cloudy like magic dragons shrouded loosely in hip-hop and buffalo skin,
we laughed and wheezed anticipating the perils of gravity and life.
We fell softly at first on the last footsteps of twilight
precarious baby steps towards swords.
Remember the night you was Ali with no referee?
I cleaned mix blood in the hallway; crimson speckled my shoes.
Foolish mortals with short arms; reaching blindly for Gods that couldn't be trusted.
We laughed and wheezed at that ageless monk blood you bled.
Wielding swords and astral projections we laughed at the ignorance of physics
and spit at shooting stars.
I stole sharp fragments of those memories, the ones that would splinter
under my skin and plague the earth with black rain as we fell.
Then suddenly, you vanished in zero visibility Jerry Springer re-runs
and the worst natural disasters.
Gale forces carried your legend into hazy freestyle ciphers
choking idle thoughts in my lungs.
You guzzled fire-water and ate better through their words lost in the wilderness.
Manna chubby malt liquor chubby-
Jesus liked forties, too, I guess.
One afternoon, I rushed ahead of the story
toothy smiles wedged into the corners of my mouth.
I heard some dope fiend kid tried to rob him late one night.
Silly bastard didn't know that samurais laughed thunder at petty thieves.
You know he wasn't givin up nothin.
Samurais deflected stray shots on swords.
I saw you lying in your hospital bed wheezing at the six holes in your chest
scheming happy on your nurse optimistic until-
He never made it to the hospital.
Dead words ended daydreams in cramped hallways.
Whatever you do don't look down and nauseous stifling mad boy tears.
Strobe thoughts crept into yesterdays.
I hadn't heard from you since junior year.
Even as we fell, our existence made immortality tangible.
Our descent, the way of honorable sinners falling through atmospheres-
I fall faster now, racing, demons, rushing the earth's peace below
Clutching these two swords like separation anxiety with clipped wings-
Praying that you reached the Earth's peace below.

Freddie Allen

The LAST Word is a section that individuals can voice and demonstrate their most intimate and artistic expressions. Submissions of poetry, hip-hop quotables, life stories and artwork are welcome. Please submit comments or articles to blessjamilah@hotmail.com. Or Call Amen or Brandi @ 806-6866.

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New Orleans, Bourbon St., HU@ The Bayou III! Don't speak 'bout it, be 'bout it!

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Follow Me if You're a red pepper boy/girl!
The Louisiana Club will meet on Friday Sept. 24th at 7 PM in the Blackburn Forum.

Z- Drop it Like it's hot !!

Island Girl - Whats up with the lingere?

Iowa- Whats up with the gold teeth

Anonymous Caller- Stop cussin out peoples Roomates please!! (Victims you lknow who you are!!)

Arts and Sciences Student Council is looking for dedicated individuals to tutor , mentor, work on newsletter, etc... Volunteer Meeting on Tuesday, September 21 in Blackburn Rm. 148/150 @ 5:30 p.m. Come to Blackburn Rm. 106

Want to tutor elementary students? Come to the ASSC Volunteer meeting Tuesday, Sept. 21 in Blackburn Rm. 148/150 @ 5:30 PM.

NAACP- Bison Chapter General Body Meeting, Wed. Sept. 29th, 1999 @ 8 PM - 7:30 PM
Executive Board Meeting Blackburn Ballroom
Call 319-1498 for more info

Summer in September... Burr Pool!

One Piece... Two Piece... What a Piece?? Find Out at Burr Pool on Saturday Sept 25th

Watch Out For The Purple and Gold

1,2,3,4,5 Party Hearty with the Que Psi Phi

Coop- Don't spend too many nights on the kitchen sink... lets go so Stigmata. Are you talking? I am di-a-tet-ic?
Sunshine/ Blacky

Arts and Sciences Student Council is looking for creative individuals to help produce the ASSC new publication. If interested, come to the ASSC Volunteer Meeting on Tues. Sept 21st @ 5:30 PM in Blackburn Rm 148/150

To Bonnie- No Matter What, Know Clyde Loves You

The Omega Train is coming... 9/24

Gold Boots, Purple Thongs 9/24

Don't Worry about catchin a dog worry about a dog catchin you

Nat Turner- Go head with yo bad self! How does it feel to be so powerful? Don't call the cops on me! Uncle Tom

Purple, Gold- Blackburn, 9/24- Nuff Said

Who Will be the next Mr. and Miss Arts & Sciences?

Worry Not Who I stick, just make sure you don't get poked. Mind your business!

A & S Student Council Pageant- Wednesday Sept. 22nd in Blackburn Ballroom